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### US issues global travel warning, cites al-Qaida threat

A man surveys the damage following the attack at the American Embassy in Benghazi, Libya. The United States issued an extraordinary global travel warning to Americans Friday about the threat of an al-Qaida attack and closed down 21 embassies and consulates across the Muslim world for the weekend. (Mohammad Hannon/The New York Times)

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The United States issued an extraordinary global travel warning to Americans Friday about the threat of an al-Qaida attack and closed down 21 embassies and consulates across the Muslim world for the weekend. The alert was the first of its kind since an announcement preceding the tenth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. This one comes with the scars still fresh from last year's dead-

ly Sept. 11 attack on a U.S. diplomatic post in Benghazi, Libya, and with the Obama administration and Congress determined to prevent any similar breach of an American Embassy or consulate. "There is a significant threat stream and we're reacting to it," said Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He told ABC News in an interview to be aired Sunday that the threat was "more specific" than previous ones and the "intent is to attack Western, not just U.S. interests."

The State Department warning urged American travelers to take extra precautions overseas, citing potential dangers involved with public transportation systems and other prime sites for tourists and noting that previous terrorist attacks have centered on subway and rail networks as well as airplanes and boats. It suggested travelers sign up for State Department alerts and register with U.S. consulates in the countries they visit. The statement said that al-Qaida or its allies might

target either U.S. government or private American interests. The alert expires on Aug. 31. The State Department said the potential for terrorism was particularly acute in the Middle East and North Africa, with a possible attack occurring on or coming from the Arabian Peninsula. U.S. officials pointed specifically to Yemen, the home of al-Qaida's most dangerous offshoot and the network blamed for several notable terrorist plots on the United States, from the

foiled Dec. 25, 2009 effort to bomb an airliner over Detroit to the explosives-laden parcels intercepted the following year aboard cargo flights. "Current information suggests that al-Qaida and affiliated organizations continue to plan terrorist attacks both in the region and beyond, and that they may focus efforts to conduct attacks in the period between now and the end of August," a department statement said.



# Kerry backpedals on controversial comment on Egypt

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LONDON (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry backed away Friday from his candid comments that seemed to signal American support for the Egyptian military coup and the ouster of President Mohammed Morsi.

The U.S. has tried hard not to appear as if it is taking sides in the crisis. But when Kerry said Thursday in Pakistan that the Egyptian military was "restoring democracy" in leading the July 3 coup, it left the impression that the U.S. backed the military action. Kerry moved quickly to defuse the flap, saying on Friday that all parties — the military as well as pro-Morsi demonstrators — needed to work toward a peaceful and "inclusive" political resolution of the crisis.

His backpedaling came after his comments were denounced by Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood, which insists that the democratically elected Morsi is the legitimate leader of Egypt.

"Does Secretary Kerry accept Defense Secretary (Chuck) Hagel to step in and remove (U.S. President Barack) Obama if large protests take place

in America?" a spokesman of Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood, Gehad el-Haddad, asked.

The flap over Kerry's remarks came at a bad time. Just as Kerry was in London trying to clarify his statement from the day before,

cal exit strategy to end the stalemate that has paralyzed Egypt and deeply divided the country.

It is unclear if Burns will meet Morsi, who has been kept out of sight since being overthrown on July 3. The military has established

strations until he is returned to power. More than 130 Morsi supporters have been killed and hundreds of others have been injured since the military coup. Last Saturday, an estimated 80 protesters, mostly Morsi supporters, were killed in

"The last thing that we want is more violence," Kerry said before meeting in London with the foreign minister of the United Arab Emirates.

"The temporary government has a responsibility with respect to demonstrators to give them the space to be able to demonstrate in peace. But at the same time, the demonstrators have a responsibility not to stop everything from proceeding in Egypt."

In his interview with Geo TV in Pakistan TV, Kerry said, "The military was asked to intervene by millions and millions of people, all of whom were afraid of a descent into chaos, into violence," Kerry told the Pakistani television channel. "And the military did not take over, to the best of our judgment so, so far. To run the country, there's a civilian government. In effect, they were restoring democracy."

"By killing people on the roads?" the TV correspondent asked Kerry.

"Oh, no. That's not restoring democracy, and we're very, very concerned about, very concerned about that," Kerry said.

State Department officials said Kerry's remarks about violence being "absolutely unacceptable" were an indication that the secretary was not favoring either side in the conflict, which Obama administration has painstakingly avoided calling a coup.

The Obama administration told lawmakers that it won't declare either way whether Egypt's government overthrow was a coup. Making a legal determination that the Egyptian army had ousted Morsi in a coup would have triggered a suspension in the \$1.3 billion in military aid the U.S. provides each year. Conversely, a determination that a coup had not occurred would have flown in the face of the uncontested facts that the army removed Morsi from power and has detained him incommunicado in an undisclosed location for weeks. □



**Secretary of State John Kerry speaks with the press aboard his plane after departing from Islamabad, en route to London, Friday, Aug. 2, 2013. Kerry backed away Friday from his candid comments that seemed to signal American support for the Egyptian military coup and the ouster of President Mohammed Morsi.**

(AP Photo/Jason Reed, Pool)

Deputy Secretary of State William Burns was landing in Cairo to urge Egyptian leaders to avoid violence and help facilitate a politi-

a civilian government and called elections for next year, but pro-Morsi protesters say they won't break up their massive street demon-

clashes with security forces in one of the worst single crackdowns on a protest in Egypt's nearly three years of turbulence.

## US diplomat kills man in car crash, leaves Kenya

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NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — An American diplomat who police say was speeding crossed the center line in his SUV and rammed into a full mini-bus, killing a father of three whose widow is six months pregnant, officials said Friday.

U.S. Embassy officials in Nairobi rushed the American and his family out of Kenya the next day, leaving the crash victims with no financial assistance to pay for a funeral and for hospital bills for the eight or so others who were seriously injured. Latifah Naiman Mariki, 38 and whose husband was killed in the crash, was almost evicted from her house this week after her landlord demanded rent.

Mariki's deceased husband, Haji Lukindo, was the family's only source of income.

Mariki told The Associated Press that neither the American driver nor anyone at the U.S. Embassy has contacted her, and she doesn't know how she will provide for her soon-to-be-born child and three children, ages 20, 10 and 7. "It is difficult for me to handle this matter because my kids need to go to school. They need everything, basic needs," Mariki said. "And we have no place to stay because we have to pay the rent. We have no money. ...

Even if my kids are sick I have no money to take them to hospital."

Hilary Renner, a State De-

partment spokeswoman in Washington, said the embassy extends its deepest condolences to Mariki's family and wishes a speedy recovery to those injured. She said she couldn't comment on whether the embassy employee would return to Kenya.

"The embassy is fully cooperating with the Kenyan authorities as they investigate the accident and work to aid the victims," she said. The American driver of the SUV, Joshua Walde, was an information management officer at the Nairobi embassy when he got in the crash on his way home the evening of July 11.

He gave a statement to police but because he has diplomatic immunity he was not detained.

A police dossier on the case shown briefly to an Associated Press reporter contained sketches of how police believe the accident happened.

The sketch shows the American's SUV turning at a rounded four-way intersection on the edge of Nairobi and driving into the lane of oncoming traffic.

A police officer familiar with the case who insisted he not be identified by name because he is not an official spokesman said of Walde: "He was driving very fast." Pictures in the dossier show that the SUV hit the front corner and side of the mini-bus, smashing in its frame. Kenyan mini-buses, known as matatus, also frequently drive fast and erratically. □



## US links stomach bug in two states to Mexican farm

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Food and Drug Administration said an outbreak of stomach illnesses in the Midwest states of Iowa and Nebraska is linked to salad mix served at restaurants in those states and supplied by a Mexican farm.

The outbreak of cyclospora infections has sickened more than 400 people in 16 states in all. The agency says it is working to determine whether the salad mix is the source of illnesses in the other 14 states.

"It is not yet clear whether the cases reported from other states are all part of the same outbreak," the agency said in a statement. "The investigation of increased cases of cyclosporiasis in other states continues."

The salad mix was served at Olive Garden and Red Lobster restaurants, both owned by Orlando-based Darden Restaurants. In a statement, Darden spokesman Mike Bernstein said the FDA's announcement is "new information."

"Nothing we have seen prior to this announcement gave us any reason to be concerned about the products we've received from this supplier," Bernstein said. The FDA said it traced illnesses from the restaurants in Nebraska and Iowa to Taylor Farms de Mexico, the Mexican branch of Salinas, California-based Taylor Farms. The company, which provides produce to the food service industry, said its facility, located about 180 miles (290 kilometers) north of Mexico City in San Miguel de Allende, is the only one of its 12 sites to be connected to the cases.

In a statement on the company's website, Taylor Farms says the Mexican facility is "state of the art and has an exceptional food safety record." The statement said the company is working with FDA investigators who are looking at the facility and that the product is out of the food supply. □

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The alert was posted a day after the U.S. announced it would shut many diplomatic facilities Sunday. Spokeswoman Marie Harf said the department act-

ed stretch from Mauritania in northwest Africa to Afghanistan.

"I don't know if I can say there was a specific threat," said Rep. Eliot Engel, the House Foreign Affairs Committee's top Democrat, who was briefed on

Islamic month of Ramadan when people in Iran and some Arab countries express their solidarity with the Palestinians and their opposition to Israel, U.S. officials played down any connection. They said the threat wasn't directed

ended with the resignation of Yemen's longtime leader, Ali Abdullah Saleh. A U.S.-aided counteroffensive by the government has since pushed the militants back.

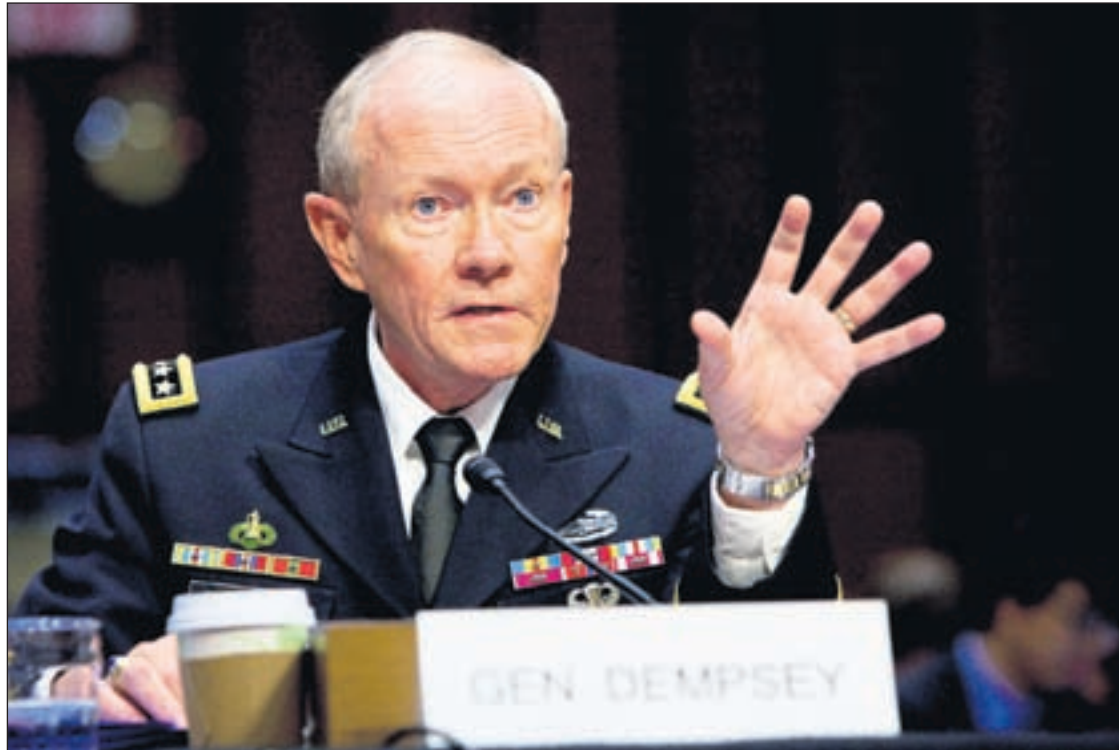
Yemen's current president, Abdo Rabby Mansour Hadi, met with U.S. President Barack Obama at the White House on Thursday, where both leaders cited strong counterterrorism cooperation.

Earlier this week, Yemen's military reported a U.S. drone strike killed six alleged al-Qaida militants in the group's southern strongholds.

As recently as June, the group's commander, Qasim al-Rimi, released an Arabic-language video urging attacks on U.S. targets and praising the ethnic Chechen brothers accused of carrying out the Boston Marathon bombings.

"Making these bombs has become in everyone's ... reach," he said, according to the English subtitles.

"The blinking red intelligence appears to be pointing toward an Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula plot," said Seth Jones, counterterror expert at the Rand Corp., referring to the branch of al-Qaida known as AQAP. □



Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington. The United States issued an extraordinary global travel warning to Americans Friday. "There is a significant threat stream and we're reacting to it," said Gen. Dempsey.

(Tomas Munita/The New York Times)

ed out of an "abundance of caution" and that some missions may stay closed for longer than a day. Sunday is a business day in Muslim countries, and the diplomatic offices affect-

the State Department's decision. "There is concern over the potentiality of violence."

Although the warning coincided with "Al-Quds Day," the last Friday of the

toward a specific American diplomatic facility. The group made significant territorial gains last year, capturing towns and cities in the south amid a power struggle in the capital that

## US careful not to let Snowden destroy Russia ties

WASHINGTON (AP) — Russia's decision to grant asylum to Edward Snowden has upset the Obama administration and angered Congress. But it's unlikely the 30-year-old National Security Agency leaker will destroy tense ties between two powers that have moved past their half-century Cold War for global supremacy.

The two countries' relationship is already difficult because of issues including missile defense, human rights and Syria's civil war. After Snowden left the transit zone of Moscow's airport and officially entered Russia on Thursday, the White House said it was "extremely disappointed" and suggested President Barack Obama would reconsider

his summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow later this year.

U.S. lawmakers demanded that Russia give up its right to host a summit of the world's biggest economies and asked whether Washington and Moscow can now cooperate at all.

Some in Congress suggested boycotting next year's Winter Olympics in the southern Russian city of Sochi.

"Russia's action today is a disgrace and a deliberate effort to embarrass the United States. It is a slap in the face of all Americans," said Sen. John McCain, a leading Republican and former presidential candidate. "Now is the time to fundamentally rethink our relationship with Putin's Russia."

Retaliation against Russia comes at a cost. Putin has proved over more than a decade in power that he'll respond to perceived offenses from the United States.

And the U.S. knows it needs Putin to promote a range of American national security interests.

Without the Kremlin's help, the U.S. would have a harder time containing terrorist groups in the South Caucasus, ensuring supply routes to U.S. troops in Afghanistan and preventing Iran from developing nuclear weapons. And it would have no chance of persuading Syrian President Bashar Assad to join rebels in peace talks to end a war that has killed 100,000 people and pulled Washington and Moscow

onto opposing sides.

The U.S. has demanded that Russia send Snowden home to face prosecution on espionage charges over his leaks that revealed widespread U.S. telephone and Internet surveillance. Putin has said asylum would require that Snowden not leak any more materials.

Paul Saunders, executive director of the conservative Center for National Interest think tank, said the Obama administration made a mistake in asserting worldwide pressure to prevent Snowden from finding a new home.

"The administration backed Moscow into a corner, thinking that would press them to give in," he said. "In fact, it just made them harden their position." □



# House votes to bar IRS from enforcing health law



House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) at a news conference in Washington, Aug. 2, 2013. In its last action before a five-week summer recess, the House took another jab at President Barack Obama's health care law on Friday, voting to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from enforcing or carrying out any provision of the law.

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WASHINGTON - In its last action before a five-week summer recess, the House

took another jab at President Barack Obama's health care law Friday, voting to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from en-

forcing or carrying out any provision of the law. The bill, approved by a vote of 232-185, now goes to the Senate, where it has

virtually no chance of approval. Obama said he would veto the measure if it got to him.

The House has now voted 40 times, by Republican counts, to repeal or roll back some or all of the 2010 law, which is expected to provide coverage to 25 million people who lack health insurance.

Under the law, the IRS will play a key role. It will provide tax credits to low- and moderate-income people to help them buy private insurance. It can impose penalties on people who go without insurance and on larger employers that fail to offer coverage to full-time employees.

Republicans said the tax agency could not be trusted.

"The IRS has been abusing its power by targeting and punishing American citizens for their political beliefs," said Rep. Eric Cantor of Virginia, the majority

leader.

But Rep. Sander M. Levin of Michigan, the senior Democrat on the Ways and Means Committee, said, "Neither the IRS nor the Department of Health and Human Services will have access to medical records or other personal history, no access whatsoever."

Levin said Republicans, in their zeal to undo the health care overhaul, were neglecting other important issues.

"This bill is nothing more than a continuation of the Republicans' blind obsession with repealing the Affordable Care Act," Levin said. "Their mission is to destroy, not implement, health care reform."

Separately, Obama came to the rescue of members of Congress and their aides Friday, saying that the federal government would continue paying a large share of their health insurance premiums. □



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## Dems hit GOP on immigration in top critic's home

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AMES, Iowa (AP) — Kicking off an August of likely intense debate over immigration, the Senate's second-ranking Democrat traveled to Iowa Friday to rebuke House Republicans who oppose major changes embraced by the Senate.

Sen. Richard Durbin's strategically targeted visit was

zenship to immigrants now here illegally.

Republican leaders have denounced King's most inflammatory remarks, but some Democrats depict him as a symbol of widespread GOP resistance. Harkin said Iowans "are compassionate, caring people and we don't characterize people with hateful, spiteful, degrading language."

the American economy and we can do the right thing," Durbin told the Ames gathering.

"To suggest these are petty criminals or drug smugglers just doesn't square with the reality of the DREAM Act." The forum featured potential DREAM Act beneficiaries.

Hector Salamanca, 20, came from Mexico as a child with his parents, who

Act, although King calls it "backdoor amnesty."

The Obama administration and many activist groups have said they will not

settle for the DREAM Act alone. They are pressing the GOP-controlled House to embrace something similar to the Senate bill. □



Hector Salamanca reacts during a forum on immigration as U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), left, looks on, Friday, Aug. 2, 2013, in Ames, Iowa.

(AP Photo/Charlie Neibergall)

a fairly small and calm foretaste of planned demonstrations by opponents and supporters of the proposed immigration changes during Congress' summer recess.

The Senate measure would heighten border security and provide a pathway to citizenship for millions of immigrants living here illegally.

Durbin, of Illinois, joined Iowa Democratic Sen. Tom Harkin at a forum in a college town represented in Congress by Republican Rep. Steve King. King is among Congress' fiercest opponents of granting citi-

King said in a July interview that some Hispanics brought to the country illegally as children become high school valedictorians. But for each of those, he said, "there's another 100 out there who weigh 130 pounds, and they've got calves the size of cantaloupes because they're hauling 75 pounds of marijuana across the desert." Durbin focused on the so-called DREAM Act, which would offer eventual citizenship to some immigrants brought illegally to the U.S. as children.

"If we can fix this immigration system, we can build

stayed in the United States after their tourist visas expired. His undocumented status made him ineligible to attend a state university or receive government-sponsored grants or loans, he told the audience of about 200.

Salamanca said he earned an associate degree at a community college and will attend Drake University. He said he tells Hispanic youths, "Don't let your undocumented status prevent you from achieving your goals."

Some House Republicans have expressed interest in a version of the DREAM

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## More complaints than solutions at trial over police searches

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NEW YORK - The judge overseeing the trial examining the constitutionality of the New York Police Department's stop-and-frisk practices had a novel idea for how to reduce illegal police stops.

explained, observing how helpful it would be if police officers recorded what transpired during stops, which are frustratingly difficult to reconstruct in the courtroom months or years after the fact.

The topic of body cameras seemed to come out of no-

Department, finding a pattern of constitutional violations. But there is far less consensus about what she might do about it.

Indeed, as the trial ended, it seemed that Scheindlin was casting about for ideas on how she might fix the problem, should she rule

precise about offering solutions.

They urged Scheindlin to require greater supervision of officers but did not say much about what the supervision might look like. They have asked for a monitor to be put in place to ensure that the Police Department is in compliance with the Constitution but have said little about the precise role the monitor might have.

They also want the judge to establish a "joint remedial process," in which an official would solicit input from police officers, academics and grass-roots organizations in black and Hispanic communities "on appropriate remedial measures from a wide array of stakeholders on the stop-question-frisk issue."

They have also asked for a change in the way police officers are evaluated because, they say, the current system pressures officers to conduct stops for the sake of appearing productive.

But the plaintiffs' lawyers have not specified what they want the Police Department to do to guard against unconstitutional stops. In essence, they have asked that Scheindlin appoint experts to instruct her on how best to reform the department.

That decision not to delve into specifics "may be an indication of how hard the problem is," said Burt Neuborne, a law professor at

New York University. But it may also be strategic. "You may think to yourself, 'She's smarter than I am and will come up with a solution,'" he said.

The approach contrasts with the proposals that another group of civil rights lawyers raised during a smaller stop-and-frisk case also before Scheindlin.

In the smaller case, which deals with stops made outside certain buildings in the Bronx, the New York Civil Liberties Union proposed several fixes, including changes to training videos that officers are shown, requiring commanders to review the circumstance of all stops and, in some cases, speaking to the officers about what occurred. But the civil rights lawyers in the Floyd case, the broadest legal challenge to police street stops in New York, say their job is to prove that certain police practices are unconstitutional.

"What we've done is identify a problem," one of the lawyers, Jonathan Moore, said. The remedies are "best left to someone with expertise in the area."

As to specific changes, another lawyer, Sunita Patel of the Center for Constitutional Rights, said specific changes should be decided in "a process involving experts in police practices." Those experts, Patel said, would consult with the department to "find out what would actually work." □



**New York Police Department officers patrol a neighborhood in New York. In a case considering the constitutionality of the New York Police Department's stop-and-frisk practices, lawyers who brought the suit were sure of the problem, but less precise about offering solutions.**

(Robert Stolarik/The New York Times)

"What did you think of a body-worn camera?" the judge, Shira A. Scheindlin, of U.S. District Court in Manhattan, asked the lawyers assembled before her. It was the last question the judge asked during the trial, which ran from March to May.

"I'm intrigued by it," she

where; the technology had been mentioned in passing by one witness, but none of the lawyers had suggested that it be employed.

A ruling in the case is expected soon. Both civil rights lawyers and some city officials say privately they anticipate that Scheindlin will rule against the Police

that the police were systematically violating people's rights during the street stops. Her interest in body cameras also underscored an unusual fact about the litigation: The civil rights lawyers who brought the lawsuit, *Floyd v. City of New York*, were certain of an underlying problem but less

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## US Financial Front:

# American consumer spending up 0.5 percent in June



Customers shop for big ticket discounted items. Consumers increased their spending in June at the fastest pace in four months even though their income growth slowed.

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M. CRUTSINGER  
AP Economics Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers increased their spending in June at the fastest pace in four months even though their income growth slowed.

Consumer spending rose 0.5 percent in June compared with May, when spending was up 0.2 percent, the Commerce Department reported Friday. It was the best gain since a 0.7 percent rise in February. Income growth slowed to a 0.3 percent rise in June, weaker than May's 0.4 percent gain.

The hope is that strong consumer spending will help boost a lackluster economy to faster growth in the second half of this year. But for that to happen, economists say income growth needs to accelerate.

Spending on non-durable goods was up 1.3 percent, reflecting in part rising gas prices, while demand for durable goods rose 0.8 percent, reflecting strength in

auto sales.

The combination of faster spending and slower income growth pushed the savings rate down slightly in June to 4.4 percent of after-tax income. It had been at 4.6 percent of after-tax income in May. The savings rate stood at 5.6 percent for all of 2012, indicating that consumers are trimming their savings to finance spending in the face of weak income growth. A gauge of inflation tied to consumer spending showed that prices excluding volatile food and energy rose 1.2 percent over the past year, the lowest gain since a 1.1 percent rise in March 2011. The Federal Reserve has a target of 2 percent for inflation. The fact that inflation is falling below that target has prompted some Fed officials to be concerned about a potential bout of deflation. That would be harmful to economic growth because consumers could stop spending in

the belief that prices will fall more.

Consumer spending is closely watched because it drives roughly 70 percent of economic activity.

In the April-June quarter, the economy grew at a 1.7 percent annual rate, marking the third straight quarter of lackluster growth.

But economists are hoping that growth will rebound in second half of the year to a more respectable annual rate of around 2.5 percent. That forecast is based on a belief that the adverse effects of federal tax increases that took effect in January and the government spending cuts that began in March will be less of a drag in the second half of

the year.

Consumer spending has held up better than analysts had expected so far this year, growing at an annual rate of 2.3 percent in the January-March quarter, the best showing in a year, and then slowing to a rate of 1.8 percent in the spring.

Consumer confidence fell only slightly in July, staying close to a 5½-year high. Economists say that steady job growth and rising home prices are helping to make Americans feel more comfortable about the future.

But consumers did spend cautiously at most retail establishments in June although sales at car dealerships remained strong. □

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## Egyptian forces threaten to cordon off protest sites

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**Associated Press**

CAIRO (AP) — Authorities outlined plans Friday to break up two sit-ins by supporters of deposed President Mohammed Morsi, saying they would set up a cordon around the protest sites, and riot police used tear gas to disperse demonstrators threatening a TV complex.

Morsi backers also showed their defiance by briefly setting up a third camp near the airport, but later folded their tents and left.

The military-backed interim government seeks to end a political stalemate that has paralyzed Egypt and deeply divided the country. Supporters of Morsi and his Muslim Brotherhood say they will not disperse until he is returned to power.

The second-ranking U.S. diplomat arrived in the Egyptian capital for talks on the political crisis, as Secretary of State John Kerry warned both sides that "the last thing we want is more violence."

Also Friday, Amnesty International reported cases of alleged killings and torture at the hands of Morsi supporters inside the protest camps, saying that one man had his throat cut and another was stabbed to death. In southwestern Cairo, police fired tear gas at Morsi supporters who rallied in front of Media City, a

site housing most of Egypt's private TV stations, a security official said. A second official told the state news agency that protesters tried to "obstruct traffic in an attempt to affect work at the complex."

The rally was "a desperate attempt by rioters from the (Islamist) current," Maj. Gen. Abdel-Fattah Othman, a spokesman for the Interior Ministry, told the private TV station Mehwer. "There was reinforcement from police and army that will not allow any reckless person to get close to the Media City or storm it."

He described the protesters as "brainwashed" to attack broadcasters perceived as secular opponents of the Islamists. Last year, Morsi supporters held a sit-in near Media City, often harassing TV personalities and forcing many of them to sneak into the studios from other entrances.

The new unrest came as state-controlled TV reported that security forces will establish a cordon within 48 hours around the two main protest sites in Cairo where thousands have been camped out since before Morsi was ousted by the military on July 3.

The government offered protection and "safe passage" to those willing to leave the two main camps — a large one outside the Rabaah al-Adawiya Mosque in eastern Cairo

and a smaller one near Cairo University's main campus in Giza. The leadership had earlier given orders to police to end what it described as "threat to national security" and sources of "citizens' terrorism."

Authorities will let people

crowds.

The Morsi supporters are also planning rallies late Friday outside security headquarters near one sit-in site, including the Republican Guard club, where they had staged a protest that turned bloody last month,

step down after a year in office, saying his policies had failed and he had put power in the hands of his Islamist group.

Facing domestic and international pressure to avoid bloodshed, authorities have taken the unusual



**Supporters of Egypt's ousted President Mohammed Morsi chant slogans against Egyptian Defense Minister Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi outside Rabaah al-Adawiya mosque, where supporters of Egypt's ousted President Mohammed Morsi have installed a camp and hold daily rallies at Nasr City, in Cairo, Egypt, Friday, Aug. 2, 2013.**

(AP Photo/Hassan Ammar)

leave without checking their identities or arresting them, but they will not allow anyone into the protest camps, the report said. It did not elaborate on the next steps, but the government earlier said it will use water cannons and tear gas in dispersing the

and another army building. The security cordon around the protest camps raises the possibility of new violence, which has killed more than 130 Morsi supporters and injured hundreds since the military coup. The ouster followed mass demonstrations calling for Morsi to

step of going into details of its security plans.

Interior Minister Mohamed Ibrahim told a newspaper that police have finalized plans for breaking up the sit-ins, and were awaiting orders from prosecutors to start the second phase of its operation. □



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# Iran's Rouhani: Occupation of Palestine is 'wound'

NASSER KARIMI

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's president-elect called Israel's control of Jerusalem and Palestinian lands a "wound" for the Islamic world in relatively moderate remarks Friday that contrasted with the harsh rhetoric of his predecessor and other Iranian leaders. Speaking to reporters during an annual pro-Palestinian rally, Hasan Rouhani said: "In our region and under occupation of Palestine and dear Jerusalem, there has been a wound on the body of the Islamic world."

The comments, two days before Rouhani's inauguration, were tame compared with those frequently made by outgoing President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad calling for Israel's destruction. The country's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, once called the Jewish state a "cancer"

that needed to be cut away. A semiofficial Iranian news agency initially quoted Rouhani as calling Israel a "wound that should be removed." That prompted Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to retort that "the real face of Rouhani has been exposed earlier than expected." But the news agency, ISNA, later said it was a misquote, confirmed by state TV footage of Rouhani's comment reviewed by The Associated Press. Netanyahu issued no statement on the corrected version. Nevertheless, the mishap underscored the challenges facing the incoming president, who was elected in June with pledges to seek a calmer and more balanced outreach to the West.

It is Khamenei and the Revolutionary Guard who control Iranian policies, and the supreme leader has final say in all key matters.

Rouhani will effectively be the international face of Iran and has made no secret of his desire to project a new image of dialogue

rather than diatribes. It remains to be seen to what extent he will be able to persuade the ruling clerics and military that interac-

tion with Washington and its allies over Iran's nuclear program could bring dividends such as easing painful sanctions. □



Escorted by his bodyguards, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, center, is greeted by his well wishers, as he attends an annual nation-wide pro-Palestinian rally marking Al-Quds (Jerusalem) Day, in Tehran, Iran, Friday, Aug. 2, 2013. Outgoing President Ahmadinejad - who was known for vitriolic anti-Israeli rhetoric while in office, including calls that Israel be destroyed - spoke to the crowds after Friday prayers at the Tehran University campus in his last public speech before his term ends. "You Zionists planted a wind but you will harvest a storm," said Ahmadinejad. "A destructive storm is on the way and it will destroy Zionism."

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## France tries 1 more cure for volatile suburbs

**SYLVIE CORBET**  
**Associated Press**

**PARIS (AP)** — Two weeks after a spurt of rioting in a far-flung Paris suburb, President Francois Hollande is injecting a new dose of funds to help cure one of France's most persistent problem areas — the suburban housing projects with their volatile mix of joblessness, high immigration, crime and despair.

The Socialist government is counting on state-sponsored jobs and improved lodging to help the millions of people living in pockets of poverty that ring major cities. Many are immigrants from former French colonies in Muslim North Africa who suffer from discrimination, notably in their search for jobs.

Hollande's cure, some 5 billion euros (\$6.6 billion) of direct state investment with the hope it will attract 15 billion euros more, is a

small response to a problem that has dogged three presidents and, Hollande has said, has only long-

the Cabinet on Friday, two days after Hollande visited Clichy-Sous-Bois, northeast of Paris, the town that since



French President Francois Hollande, center, poses with residents during his visit to 'Clichy Sand' in Clichy-sous-Bois, outside Paris. Two weeks after a spurt of rioting in a far-flung Paris suburb, Hollande is injecting a new dose of funds to help cure one of France's most persistent problems, the suburban housing projects with their volatile mix of joblessness, high immigration, crime and despair. (AP Photo/Jacques Brinon)

term solutions. But he is optimistic.

The plan was presented to

2005 has symbolized urban unrest. Three weeks of fiery riots that started in Clichy-

Sous-Bois hopscotched around the housing projects of France. The unrest was France's wakeup call to the urban misery long hidden from view, in part because of poor transport to the nearby hub cities.

Two days of riots two weeks ago, with dozens of cars set afire in Trappes, a suburb southwest of Paris, was a new reminder of the simmering anger. The unrest there was triggered by the arrest of a man who allegedly attacked a police officer for ticketing his wife for covering her face with an Islamic veil — banned in French streets. But urban experts and residents said the veil issue covered the deep concerns over unemployment, discrimination, poor integration of many residents and despair over the future.

"Social misery is deep. All of that came to the surface over a veil," said Trappes

resident Armel Angoula, 38, a home nurse.

During his Wednesday visit to Clichy-Sous-Bois, Hollande refused to comment on the unrest in Trappes and neighboring cities, but he acknowledged that suburban projects remain a tinderbox despite the injection of tens of billions of euros since 2005.

"The slow-burning fuse is still lit but, while this fuse burns slowly, we can stop it with projects that are long-term, very long-term," he said.

In Sevrans, just north of Clichy-Sous-Bois, a man in a car was killed by a gunshot from another car late Thursday. There were suspicions the killing was linked to drugs, a major problem in Sevrans.

Sevrans Mayor Stephane Gatignol, speaking on the TV channel iTele, said 400 syringes are found each month in the streets. □

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## Spain's jobless figure drops again; fifth month in a row

**MADRID (AP)** — The number of people registered as unemployed in Spain dropped for a fifth consecutive month in July as the busy summer tourist season continued to create jobs, government figures showed Friday. But the International Monetary Fund warned that recovery will be slow, particularly in the labor market, though it praised the government's commitment to economic reforms.

A statement from the labor ministry said the total number of people registered as jobless fell by 64,866 last

month to a rounded total of 4.69 million — giving it an unemployment rate of 26.3 percent.

It said the last time Spain registered five consecutive monthly reductions was in 2007, just prior to the start of the economic crisis.

The statement said that since January, the number of people registered as unemployed had dropped by 149,909.

In seasonally adjusted terms, however, the ministry said the total figure rose by 7,591 from June for a total of 4.88 million. □




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# Chile says mining worries overpowering projects

EVA VERGARA  
Associated Press

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — The head of Chile's Sonami mining association and the economy minister said Friday that they're deeply concerned that the recent suspension of a planned \$1.4 billion thermoelectric plant will hurt the country and its energy-intensive mining industry.

A Chilean appeals court annulled the construction permit for the 740-mega-watt Punta Alcalde plant owned by energy company Endesa late on Thursday, citing environmental reasons. Endesa can appeal before the Supreme Court.

"We respect the judicial decision, but we have to point out that the ruling will negatively impact the future of the country, especially mining," Sonami President Alberto Salas said. "If we want to reach the threshold of development in the next 10 years, Chile needs to double its power generation. The recent news doesn't contribute towards this objective." Chile imports 97 percent of its fossil fuels and depends largely on hydropower for electricity, creating a crisis when a drought drains reservoirs or a dispute affects fuel imports.

The head of the influential lobby added that two thirds of all planned investments are delayed or are being revised in the key

mining region of Tarapaca, in northern Chile, mostly because of legal setbacks. A Chilean ministerial group had lifted a suspension of the Punta Alcalde project in December after an environmental commission blocked construction over potential air and water pollution.

Economy Minister Felix de Vicente told El Mercurio newspaper that the decision is "bad news" for the economic development of the world's No.1 copper producing country.

The appeals court's decision is the latest blow against megaprojects in energy-strapped Chile. Chile's environmental regulator blocked Barrick Gold Corp.'s \$8.5 billion Pascua-Lama mine in May and imposed its maximum fine on the world's largest gold miner, citing "very serious" violations of its environmental permit.

Pascua Lama was also halted by an appeals court after members of the Diaguita indigenous community, who live downstream from the mine, complained that the project threatens their water supply and pollutes glaciers.

Last year, Chile's Supreme Court cited environmental questions in rejecting construction of Central Castilla, a \$5 billion thermoelectric plant. The 2,100 megawatt plant is a joint venture of Germany's E.ON and Brazil's MPX Energia SA. □



Chile's President Sebastian Pinera, right, stands next to the last miner to be rescued from the collapsed San Jose gold and copper mine near Copiapo, Chile.

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## Cuba says 79% rise in US visas for islanders

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Associated Press

**HAVANA (AP)** — The number of Cubans receiving U.S. nonimmigrant visas jumped by 79 percent in the first half of the year, Communist Party newspaper Granma reported Friday.

According to statistics published by Granma, the U.S. Interests Section in Havana issued 16,767 such visas in the first six months of 2013, compared to 9,369 in the same period last year.

Officials at the Interests Section, which Washington maintains in Cuba instead of an embassy because the countries do not have full diplomatic ties, confirmed the figures.

On its website, the Section said it recently beefed up its capacity for handling application interviews to 500 per day, up from 120 to 150 per day a year ago. "This has substantially reduced the wait for an appointment, and we are

working to reduce that wait time even further by the end of 2013," the webpage read.

Granma's report was published a day after a new U.S. policy took effect extending multiple-entry visas valid for five years to Cubans who are approved for nonimmigrant travel to the United States. Before, most such visas were good for six months and a single entry.

In Havana's first official public reaction to the change announced Wednesday, Granma noted that it makes life easier for Cubans by eliminating the need to show up in person and pay a \$160 processing fee each time they want to travel to the U.S., but said it doesn't represent a change in U.S. attitudes toward Cuba.

"New instruments, same policy," read the headline. A U.S. State Department spokesman also said this week that the modified

visa rules do not amount to a significant change in Washington's Cuba policy. High-level Cuban and U.S. officials met in Washington last month for a new round of migration talks that are supposed to happen every six months, but had been stalled since January 2011. And earlier this year Cuba scrapped the widely detested exit visa that for decades had been required of any islander seeking to travel abroad. It also extended from one to two years the amount of time Cubans can remain overseas without losing residency rights and benefits back home. Havana reserved the right to deny passports in some cases for essential personnel or for people with pending legal matters, but government opponents have mostly been free to travel overseas and return, often after bashing President Raul Castro's Communist system in very public forums. □



A woman shades herself with her documents as she waits outside the U.S. Interests Section to apply for U.S. visas in Havana, Cuba. The number of Cubans receiving U.S. nonimmigrant visas jumped by 79 percent in the first half of the year, Communist Party newspaper Granma reported Friday, Aug. 2, 2013. (AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)

## Numbers don't add up for papal Mass crowd count

BRADLEY BROOKS

Associated Press

**RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)** — If measured in spirit, there is hardly a soul who would question the success of Pope Francis' Mass on giant Copacabana beach last weekend. The count when it comes to the flesh-and-blood numbers of faithful who actually attended is an entirely different matter.

The Vatican said an historic 3.7 million people were at the Sunday event, an eye-popping number that would have made it the second largest papal Mass ever. But number crunchers were splashing cold water on those jubilant estimates Friday, saying the

real figure was not even half as big.

The problem was, the count released by Vatican and Brazilian officials was a guesstimate that statisticians say grossly inflated the crowd figures.

The research director of Datafolha, one of Brazil's top polling and statistic firms, said that based on the size of the crowd area and reasonable density estimates, he would put Sunday's turnout at between 1.2 million and 1.5 million people.

Vatican officials and organizers of World Youth Day, an event held every three years that draws young Catholics from across the globe, weren't bashful

about telling the press how many people turned out to see Francis.

"It's an old, old story that organizations, whether political radicals or the Vatican, always over-guesstimate the size of turnout, they want their event to look as good as possible," said Clark McPhail, an emeritus professor of sociology at the University of Illinois who has studied crowd counts for four decades.

McPhail first chuckled when he heard the Vatican's claim that the pope drew 3.7 million people to an area of Copacabana beach and adjoining streets that encompassed about 497,000 square meters (594,400 square yards).

By the Vatican's count, the crowd density throughout the entire area would have been 7.4 people per square meter, which wouldn't allow for movement of any kind, let alone the jumping, arm waving, singing and dancing seen at the papal events. Video and photos of the crowd also showed that while it was packed close to the gigantic altar built on Copacabana beach, the faithful thinned out along the 4-kilometer long beach.

The Rev. Thomas Rosica, a Vatican spokesman, said in an email on Friday that the Vatican also received the 3.7 million figure from local church organizers of

the World Youth Day.

When asked, those organizers acknowledged that the figure of 3.7 million who attended the pope's Mass wasn't built upon anything resembling a scientific crowd count.

If the church's estimate for Sunday's Mass had held, it would have only been bested by a 1995 Mass given only by Pope John Paul II in Manila, Philippines, for a World Youth Day event there. But the Datafolha estimate knocks Rio's event below the 2 million who turned out in Rome in 2000 for a Youth Day Mass and also a 1979 Mass in Krakow, John Paul's Polish hometown, during his first visit as pope. □





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## Edward Richardson celebrates his birthday at Amazonia Churrascaria

**PALM BEACH** - Edward Richardson and a group of his close friends, all in their early 20s, convened at Amazonia Churrascaria to celebrate the happy occasion of his birthday together. As they are all members of the same church, they know each other well and enjoy spending time together, plotting their individual careers and sharing the joys and challenges of work and school. Edward

reports he will be opening an artistic school for talented gymnasts and acrobats, when he is finished studying devoting his life to an artistic career path. Meanwhile the friends all had fun, feasting on the salad bar and the grilled meats, paraded in the dining room by the roaming gauchos, and presenting Edward with heartfelt felicitations on his choice of restaurant for the celebration. □



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Ernie Rideout, Senior Editor of Keyboard magazine writes, "Once you get past your astonishment at how great a keyboardist Jeff is, once you get past how he sounds like a really, really good guitarist, and once you put your amazement at his incredible vocal prowess behind you, then you can relax and

wonder at how so much fantastic music can come from just one person." And Pat Reid of RHYTHM Magazine adds, "Jeff's vocal is a cross between Luther Vandross and a male Anita Baker." He performs nightly, except Saturdays, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. □



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## Tiger Woods makes run at 59 at Bridgestone

RUSTY MILLER

AP Sports Writer

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Tiger Woods had a shot at making history with a magical 59.

He swore he wasn't disappointed to come up short. "Disappointed? Absolutely not," he said.

Then he cracked, "A 61's pretty good. I'm not bummed." Woods could console himself by tying his career best and building a seven-shot lead Friday through 36 holes at the Bridgestone Invitational.

Pursuing his eighth victory at Firestone Country Club, Woods opened birdie-eagle — stuffing an approach to 3 feet at the first hole and holing a 20-footer for 3 at the par-5 second. He had two more birdies on the front nine, and had four in a row to start the back nine in a light rain.

Needing to go only 2 under over his last five holes, he missed birdie putts inside 10 feet at 15 and 17. He saved par on the last with a 25-footer after an errant drive and a shot that hit into the trees and ended up in a bare spot short and right of the green.

"How about just pleased?" he said, when asked to rate the round. "I'm very happy I was able to post that. I just kept thinking, whatever lead I had, 'Let's just keep increasing it.' It's at seven now, I believe. So that's not too bad after two days."

The 61 — matching his career best at the 1999 Byron Nelson, 2005 Buick Open and on the same Firestone course back in 2000 — left him at 13-under 127.

Defending champion Keegan Bradley and Chris Wood, playing the tournament for the first time, were tied for second.



**Tiger Woods hits to the fairway from behind a tree on the sixth hole during the second round at the WGC Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament, at Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio, Friday, Aug. 2, 2013.**

They each shot 68.

Bradley finished well before Woods, but was asked if it was disheartening to take the lead and then have Woods retake it after the opening two holes.

"Tiger, those first couple holes out there are definitely birdie holes, so I'd expect him to do that," Bradley said. "You know, I hope he doesn't go too low."

Sorry, Keegan.

Woods, a four-time winner this year, needed only 22 putts, eight fewer than he had Thursday in an opening 66. He hit 10 of 14 fairways and was on in regulation on 16 of 18 greens.

The next best score on a threatening day with a slate-gray sky and precipitation was a 66. It seemed every fan on the course took notice as

Woods started stacking up birdies. The magic number 59 — shot five times on the PGA Tour — dominated conversations.

"Oh, they were excited," Woods said. "You could hear it more than feel it. You definitely could hear it. They were into it."

Asked if that kind of electricity helps out a player, he joked, "It's nice to be playing in front of

people who are excited like that, especially people who aren't yelling just because your ball gets in the air. You know, we are pros."

How good were things going for him? He yanked a drive into the trees at 13, but it ricocheted into the middle of the fairway. From there he hit an iron to 15 feet and drilled the putt. At the 14th, Woods hit his drive on the other side of the cart path beneath a canopy of huge trees to the right. He was forced to hit a low, hard, slicing shot to the green that ran to the back fringe. From there, he chipped 10 feet past but rolled in the par putt.

The gallery seemed to swell with each hole, the crowds growing in hopes of seeing history.

He stepped off his shot into the 216-yard, par-3 15th because he was bothered by a bug, then hit an iron 10 feet short of the pin. After playing partner Hideki Matsuyama of Japan putted out, Woods missed his birdie putt on the right side.

The 667-yard 16th, dubbed "The Monster" by Arnold Palmer, resulted in another par. Woods hit a long drive that dribbled into the first cut of rough on the left side of the fairway, then laid up to about 100 yards. His wedge carried too far, however, spinning back to 30 feet. With a light sprinkle turning into a steady drizzle, he two-putted, leaving the birdie attempt short and right of the hole by 2 feet.

A huge throng, several deep around the lengthy hole, responded with polite applause as he tapped in. He still had a chance for a 59. He hit a long drive along the left side at 17, but misread a 7-footer for birdie that missed on the low side of the break. □

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# Inbee Park falls 8 shots behind at St. Andrews

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AP Golf Writer

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland  
(AP) — Before she can

think of four in a row, Inbee Park first has to make up an eight-shot deficit at the Women's British Open.

Playing in the strongest wind this week, she had a pair of three-putt bogeys in a round of 1-over 73 that left her closer to the cut line than the lead.

Those rugged conditions Friday afternoon were no problem for Na Yeon Choi. She had a 5-under 67 — nearly nine shots lower than the field average for the afternoon — and had a one-shot lead over Miki Saiki of Japan. Saiki set the Old Course record for the Women's British Open at 6-under 66 in the morning, which featured bursts of showers but very little wind until late in the round.

Conditions were so demanding that when Choi was asked to give details of



South Korea's Inbee Park, tees off on the 17th during the second round of the Women's British Open golf championship on the Old Course at St Andrews, Scotland, Friday Aug. 2, 2013.

Associated Press

her six birdies, she couldn't recall much further back than the 17th hole.

"Five hours out there, this kind of weather, it's hard to remember," she said.

It's a round Park would like to forget, one that will make her quest even more difficult to become the first golfer to win four professional majors in one year.

The wind carried her approach across the Swilcan Burn and through the green on the opening hole, and from about 50 feet away hit a poor chip that only got halfway there and led to a bogey. The 25-year-old South Korean was never under par for her round.

Still even par for the round

after a 6-foot birdie on No. 12, she hit her best drive of the day on the toughest driving hole into the wind at No. 13, only for the ball to take one last turn and settle in a divot. Park came up just short of the green, rolled a putt about 10 feet by the cup and missed it for bogey. On the 17th, her shot skirted up left side of the Road Hole Bunker and onto the green, some 50 feet away. Her first putt was a yard off line and settled 8 feet below the cup, leading to another three-putt bogey.

But it was tough for everyone in the afternoon — except for Choi, who had a score that looked as if she were on the New Course — and Park isn't ruling herself out. Neither is anyone else. "The tough, gritty players can win this," Stacy Lewis said after a hard-fought 72 left her five shots behind. "Anybody under par is not out of this."

Choi was at 10-under 134.

Morgan Pressel took another step toward locking up a spot on the Solheim Cup team with a 70 in the morning, leaving her two shots out of the lead. She now can think squarely about the Women's British Open, and perhaps adding a second major to the Kraft Nabisco Championship she won in 2007 as an 18-year-old.

Nicole Castrale, also making a last-ditch effort to make the Solheim Cup team, shot 34 on the tough back nine for a 70 and was in the group at 7-under 137 that included Jee Young Lee and Suzann Pettersen. Choi is a former U.S. Women's Open champion, so she has proved she can handle difficult conditions. What helped was having her entire team with her this week — notably her Irish coach, Robin Symes, and his friend, who is working as a caddy. □

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# Federer withdraws from Rogers Cup in Montreal

**MONTREAL (AP)** — After three consecutive tournament exits against low-ranked opponents, Roger Federer pulled out of next week's Rogers Cup without giving a reason Friday. The owner of a record 17 Grand Slam titles did recently complain about a bad back, however. Federer, who turns 32 next Thursday, made the unusual move of participating in a pair of minor clay-court tournaments in the period between playing on Wimbledon's grass and shifting to the North American summer hard-court season. A loss to 116th-ranked Sergiy Stakhovsky in the second round at the All England Club ended Federer's streak of reaching the quarterfinals at 36 consec-



**Roger Federer of Switzerland reacts during his match against Daniel Brands of Germany, a second round match at the Suisse Open tennis tournament in Gstaad, Switzerland, Thursday July 25, 2013.**

utive major tournaments. It also marked Federer's earliest Grand Slam exit since 2003. Next came a semifinal loss on clay at Hamburg to 114th-ranked qualifier Fed-

erico Delbonis, followed by a defeat against 55th-ranked Daniel Brands in Federer's opening match on clay at Gstaad, Switzerland. In addition to his bothersome back, a re-

curing issue, Federer was experimenting with a new, larger racket at those tournaments.

Still, those results are not the sort Federer usually produces. This has been a tough season by his standards: He is 30-10 with one title in 2013.

After Wimbledon, Federer tumbled to No. 5 in the ATP rankings, the first time in a decade he's been that low.

Missing Montreal limits his hard-court preparation for the U.S. Open, the year's last Grand Slam tournament, which begins Aug. 26.

"I am disappointed not to be playing in Montreal next week," Federer said in a statement released by the tournament, which starts Monday. "It is a great tournament with amazing fans. I look forward to competing there in the future." He won the Rogers Cup

when it was played in Toronto in 2004 and 2006. Federer lost to Novak Djokovic in the 2007 final at Montreal.

Federer's withdrawal diminishes a Montreal field that already was missing No. 8 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga and former top-10 player Mardy Fish.

In addition, the tournament announced Friday that Viktor Troicki and Marin Cilic won't compete. Troicki was recently suspended for 18 months by the International Tennis Federation for failing to provide blood for a drug test.

He is appealing that ruling. Cilic pulled out of Wimbledon, citing an injury; he reportedly is facing a doping suspension, but the ITF has not confirmed or denied whether that is true.

Ivan Dodig of Croatia and Pablo Andujar of Spain were added to the Montreal field. □

## Isner hits 18 aces, beats Baghdatis

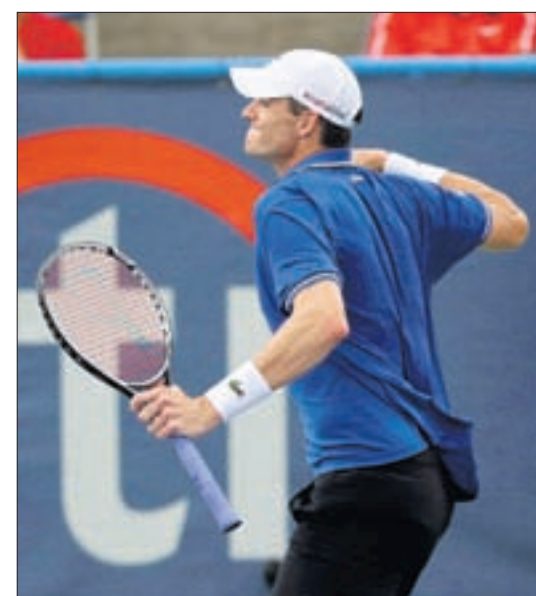
**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Pounding serves at up to 142 mph, John Isner of the

Isner, the runner-up at this hard-court tuneup for the U.S. Open in 2007, im-

proved to 6-0 in quarterfinals in 2013. He's also now 5-0 against 2006 Australian Open finalist Baghdatis.

The No. 8-seeded Isner, who the title at Atlanta last week, will face unseeded Dmitry Tursunov of Russia for a berth in Sunday's final.

Tursunov overcame 13 double-faults with the help of 15



**John Isner react to winning his match against Marcos Baghdatis, from Cyprus, at the Citi Open tennis tournament in Washington, Friday, Aug. 2, 2013.**

**Associated Press**

United States hit 18 aces and never faced a break point Friday during a 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-4 comeback victory over Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus to reach the Citi Open semifinals.

aces to beat a cramping Marinko Matosevic of Australia 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (4).

Andrea Petkovic, Alize Cornet and Ekaterina Makarova reached the women's semifinals. □

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# Lochte claims 2 golds on epic night of swimming

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AP Sports Writer

BARCELONA, Spain (AP)

— On a night when Missy Franklin finally lost, Ryan Lochte turned in an epic performance at the pool.

Lochte swam three races in less than two hours at the world championships Friday, coming away with two gold medals and the top time in an event he's competing in for the first time at a major international meet.

Certainly, this grueling triple was worthy of a "Yeah!"

"It was so painful," said Lochte, who had the big crowd at the Palau Sant Jordi shouting his nonsensical catchphrase every time he dove in the water. "I don't want to do that again."

He won the 200-meter backstroke, posted the fastest time in the semifinals of the 100 butterfly, and put the Americans ahead to stay with a strong leg in the 800 freestyle relay. Not bad for a guy who took a long break after the London Olympics and slacked off on his training while filming a reality television show, "What Would Ryan Lochte Do?" Apparently, there's nothing Lochte can't do, or at least isn't willing to try, when he dons a swimsuit.

"I wasn't really thinking about the triple at all," Lochte said. "I was just focusing on my first race, after that my second, and my third."

He finished up his big night in the relay, taking over with the Americans trailing both Russia and France after Conor Dwyer's opening leg. Lochte took care of that, turning in the second-fastest 200 (1:44.98) of anyone in the field. Only Sun Yang of China, one of the world's greatest freestylers, went faster — and he



**United States's Ryan Lochte swims to the gold medal in the Men's 200m backstroke final at the FINA Swimming World Championships in Barcelona, Spain, Friday, Aug. 2, 2013.**

hadn't already competed in two races.

"No matter the outcome in the first and second races, I had to pull it together for Team USA," Lochte said. "When you get together for a relay, you don't care about the pain, you don't care about anything like that. You just get up there and put together a good race for the other guys."

Franklin also had a busy night, but the first race didn't go as she hoped. The 18-year-old American finished fourth in the 100 free behind gold medalist Cate Campbell of Australia, ending a run of four straight victories in Barcelona.

Franklin shook off the defeat, coming back about 25 minutes later to easily post the top qualifying time in the semifinals of the 200 back. She'll be a heavy favorite in that race Saturday night — she's the Olympic champion and world-record holder — which leaves her still on course to at least match Tracy Caulkins of the U.S. and Libby Trickett of Australia as the only

women to win five events at worlds.

Caulkins won her five at the 1978 meet in Berlin, while Trickett did it in her home championships at Melbourne in 2007.

"I'm a little bummed," Franklin said. "I learned a lot, which is the most important thing. I think the 100 free is the event I definitely have the most room to improve on."

Franklin will have one more event after the backstroke — Sunday's 400 medley relay — so she's got a shot at joining Michael Phelps and Mark Spitz as the only swimmers to win as many as six golds at either worlds or the Olympics.

Lochte got off to a slow start in Barcelona, looking sluggish while settling for silver as part of the 400 free relay and even worse in his first individual event — a fourth-place finish in the 200 free. But any thought he was in for a disappointing championships ended with a victory in the 200 individual medley on Thursday.

Twenty-four hours later, he had two more golds.

Lochte pushed the early pace in the backstroke, leading at the first flip, and had enough to hold off his challengers. His winning time was 1 minute, 53.79 seconds — 0.45 ahead of Poland's Radoslaw Kawecki. Reigning Olympic champion Tyler Clary of the U.S., who edged Lochte for the gold in London, settled for bronze this time.

"The 200 back is probably one of the hardest events on your legs and your body in general," Lochte said. "With the little training I've done this year, it's going to set me up pretty good for 2016."

With that, he hustled off the practice pool, located under a tent outside the arena, to get ready for the semifinals of the 100 fly.

This is a new event on his program, and he didn't have a lot of expectations. But Lochte, swimming in an outside lane after only the 13th-fastest time in the preliminaries, popped off a time of 51.48 — a personal

best — to claim the top seed for the final. Chad le Clos of South Africa, who already won the 200 fly, was next at 51.52.

"I don't know where that came from," Lochte said.

Finally, in the relay, he joined with Dwyer, Charlie Houchin and Ricky Berens to give the Americans their fifth straight world title in the 4x200 free. Berens touched in 7:01.72, while Russia took the silver and China — with Sun swimming 1:43.16 on the anchor leg — rallied for the bronze.

In the women's 100 free, Campbell pushed the pace from right the start, making the flip more than a half-second under world-record pace. That gave her a big enough lead to hold on for a time of 52.34, a half-body length in front of silver medalist Sarah Sjöström of Sweden.

Ranomi Kromowidjojo of the Netherlands edged Franklin for the bronze by 0.05.

"I don't think it really sunk in until I got out of the pool and I heard all the Aussies in the crowd chanting," Campbell said. "In the water I was just like, 'Why are all these people hugging me? What's going on?'"

There was no time for Franklin to mope.

After climbing from the pool, she took a shortcut to the training pool to get ready for the 200 back — her favorite event. Franklin posted a time of 2:06.46, giving her the prime middle lane for the final. Elizabeth Pelton of the U.S. also advanced with the third-fastest time.

Yuliya Efimova of Russia pulled off an upset in the women's 200 breaststroke, beating Rikke Pedersen one night after the Danish swimmer set a world record in the semifinals. □



## NL Capsules

# Cardinals rout Pirates to avoid 5-game sweep

**The Associated Press**

**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — Joe Kelly and the St. Louis Cardinals averted a five-game sweep at Pittsburgh, ending a season-worst seven-game losing streak by routing the Pirates 13-0 Thursday night in a matchup between the NL's top two teams.

St. Louis began the series with a 2½-game lead in the NL Central but left with the Pirates ahead by 1½ games. The Cardinals avoided their first sweep in a set of at least five games since 1916, when the New York Giants took all six games.

Pittsburgh had won the previous four games at PNC Park by a combined score of 36-10.

Kelly (2-3) pitched six scoreless innings and had two hits.

Tony Cruz added three hits, including a two-run double during an eight-run seventh inning.

Charlie Morton (3-3) gave up five runs and 10 hits in six innings. He is 2-8 in his career against St. Louis.

**BRAVES 11, ROCKIES 2**

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Justin Upton drove in five runs with two homers, Julio Teheran matched his career high with 11 strikeouts, and Atlanta beat Colorado for its seventh straight win.

Jason Heyward added a two-run homer, and Chris Johnson had three hits as the Braves completed a



**St. Louis Cardinals' Tony Cruz hits into a bases-loaded double play during the fourth inning of a baseball game against the Pittsburgh Pirates in Pittsburgh on Thursday, Aug. 1, 2013. One run scored on the play. The Cardinals won 13-0.**

**Associated Press**

four-game sweep of the Rockies. The Braves outscored the Rockies 31-5 in the last three games of the series.

Atlanta's 7-0 homestand also included three wins over St. Louis.

The NL East-leading Braves stretched their lead over Washington to 11½ games. Teheran (8-5) struck out the side in the third and fifth innings. He lasted only five innings, allowing one run and five hits and two walks, in his third straight start of allowing no more than one run.

Colorado's Chad Bettis (0-1), called up from Double-A Tulsa for his major league

debut, allowed five runs and six hits and five walks in five innings.

**GIANTS 2, PHILLIES 1**

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Joaquin Arias and pinch-hitter Roger Kieschnick had RBI singles off Jonathan Papelbon in the top of the ninth inning, then Sergio Romo escaped a bases-loaded jam in the bottom half as San Francisco beat Philadelphia.

Matt Cain (7-6) gave up one run and six hits in eight innings. The struggling ace lowered his ERA to 4.57.

Cole Hamels allowed seven hits and struck out five in eight scoreless innings. He left with a 1-0 lead that

he gave himself with an RBI single.

Then Papelbon (2-1) blew it — a familiar scene for the 2012 All-Star closer. He started the season 13 for 13 in save opportunities, but is 7 for 13 since. He heard loud boos throughout the inning and when he walked to the dugout.

The Phillies are 2-10 since the All-Star break and have dropped to 9½ games behind Cincinnati for the second wild-card spot in the NL.

**MARLINS 3, METS 0**

**MIAMI (AP)** — Tom Koehler pitched six effective innings, and Miami stalled Matt Harvey once again,

beating the New York Mets.

Logan Morrison's two-out single broke a scoreless tie in the sixth. Donovan Solano added a two-run single later in the inning.

Harvey (8-3) allowed three runs and five hits in 5 2-3 innings. The NL's All-Star starter struck out eight.

Harvey's three shortest outings this season have come at Marlins Park. The All-Star is 0-1 with a 3.52 ERA in four starts against the Marlins this season while going 8-2 with a 1.97 ERA against the rest of the majors.

The Marlins are the lowest-scoring team in the majors and have the worst record in the NL.

Koehler (3-6) gave up five hits, walked five and struck out five. A.J. Ramos pitched two innings, and Steve Cishek worked the ninth for his 23rd save in 25 chances.

It was the first time the Mets had been shut out since May 25 against Atlanta.

**DODGERS 6, CUBS 4**

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Yasiel Puig hit a long home run and scored two runs to lead the Los Angeles Dodgers over the Chicago Cubs.

Hanley Ramirez and Jerry Hairston each drove in two runs for the Dodgers, who got a win a night after having a four-game winning streak snapped. Los Angeles is 11-2 since the All-Star break. □

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## U.S. factory means buyers can customize Google phone

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**AP Technology Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — With its first smartphone designed completely in-house, Google is demonstrating one of the benefits of moving production from Asia to the U.S.: It's letting buyers customize phones to give them their own style.

Workers at the factory in Fort Worth, Texas, assemble the custom phone and Google ship it to the buyer's door within four days. The Moto X is going on sale in about a month at all four national wireless carriers — Verizon, AT&T, Sprint and T-Mobile — starting at \$200. Initially, only AT&T will offer the customization option, but Google said it hopes to make it available across all carriers soon. The company will offer 18 different back covers ranging in color from "spearmint" to "cabernet," a choice of black or white fronts and seven different metallic accents for details like the volume button. That makes for 252 possible style variations of the phone.

In the fall, Google plans to offer four variants of wood for the back cover.

The Moto X is the first smartphone to be assembled in the U.S. Even though the concept of the smartphone was pioneered here and many phones have been designed in the U.S., the vast majority of phones are assembled in Asia.

With labor costs rising in China, some electronics manufacturers are looking to move manufacturing back to the U.S. Apple is moving production of its Mac Pro desktop computers to the U.S. this year.

The Fort Worth factory will let Google stamp the phone as "Made in the U.S.," but assembly is just

the last step in the manufacturing process, and accounts for relatively little of the cost of a smartphone. The cost largely lies in the chips, battery and display, most of which come from Asian factories. For instance, research firm iSuppli estimates that the components of Samsung's latest flagship phone, the Galaxy S4, cost \$229, while the assembly costs \$8.

Google sees other value in a U.S. factory.

"Over time, by having the engineers closer to the factory floor, we'll be able to innovate faster and develop products that actually are quite interesting down the road," said Dennis Woodside, head of Google's Motorola division.

The factory is owned and run by Flextronics International Ltd., a Singapore-based contract electronics manufacturer. It's set to employ 2,000 people.

Google bought cellphone pioneer Motorola Mobility for \$12.4 billion last year. While it launched some phones last year after the acquisition, those were designed while Motorola was still independent. The Moto X is the first phone that "gives you some indication of how Google is thinking of hardware," Woodside said in an interview.

Google has previously worked with other phone manufacturers to create Google-branded "Nexus" phones as launch platforms for new versions of Android. The Moto X looks much like other smartphones, with a 4.7-inch touch screen. It comes with a no-frills implementation of Google's Android operating system, a contrast to recent phones from Samsung and HTC, which



The Motorola Moto X smartphone, using Google's Android software, is shown, Thursday, Aug. 1, 2013 at a press preview in New York. Associated Press

put their own stamp on the software with various additions. The most unusual feature of the Moto X, apart from the customization option, is that it's always listening for its owner's voice. When it hears the phrase, "Ok, Google Now..." followed by a command like "call Bob," it will wake up from standby and execute the command — provided it understands it. Most smartphones offer voice control, but it's usually activated by pressing a button.

Rick Osterloh, the head of product management at Motorola, said the Moto X has a special chip devoted to listening, which means it doesn't have the drain the battery by keeping the main processor running all

the time. It should be able to pick up the owner's voice even in the noise of a car, he said. Google is backing the launch with a big marketing campaign, including TV ads. The Moto X represents its best chance this year to make back some of the money it spent on buying Motorola, and the \$1.7 billion the division has accumulated in operating losses since the acquisition. Motorola has become marginalized in the global smartphone market, taking just 1 percent of recent sales, according to research firm IDC. Google has slashed Motorola's workforce to 4,600 people, down from 20,300 last year. The acquisition was motivated mainly by Google's desire

to own Motorola's patent portfolio, which provides it with ammunition to defend fellow makers of Android phones from Apple's and Microsoft's patent claims. Motorola's patents haven't proved very useful so far, and the division puts Google in the uncomfortable position of competing with other companies that make Android phones. Analysts see another value in Motorola: it gives Google a toehold in smartphones, acting as insurance against the possibility that Samsung, the dominant maker of Android phones, could jump ship to another operating system or create its own version of Android. Google's stock rose \$16.47, nearly 2 percent, to \$904.22 Thursday. □



## Tepid jobs news barely dents stock market advance

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**AP Markets Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A tepid jobs report Friday barely dented a summer rally on the stock market.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index ended the week 1 percent higher after breaking through 1,700 points for the first time Thursday. The index has risen for five of the last six weeks. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 0.6 percent and is on a streak of six weekly gains. On Friday, indexes dropped in early trading after the U.S. added fewer jobs than forecast in July, curbing optimism that the economy is poised to pick up strength in the second half of the year. The market gradually recovered throughout the day and major indexes ended slightly higher. The gains were enough to set all-time highs for the Dow and S&P. The S&P 500 ended the day up 2.80 points, or 0.2 percent, to 1,709.67. The index is up 5 percent since the start of July. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 30.34 points, or 0.2 percent, to 15,658.36.

In other trading, the Nasdaq composite rose 13.84 points, or 0.4 percent, to 3,689.59.

The government reported that 162,000 jobs were created last month, pushing the unemployment rate down to a 4½-year low of 7.4 percent. The number of jobs added was the lowest since March and below the 183,000 economists polled by FactSet were expecting.

Brad Sorensen, Charles Schwab's director of market and sector research, said the jobs report was "moderately disappointing."

"That tepid growth we've seen, (the economy) not being able to reach escape velocity, continues to be the story," Sorensen said.

Investors have been watching economic reports closely and trying to anticipate when the Federal Reserve will start easing back on its economic stimulus. The central bank is buying \$85 billion in bonds every month to keep long-term interest rates low and encourage borrowing.

While the jobs report wasn't encouraging, it did make it more likely that the Fed would take its time

cutting back on stimulus, said Doug Lockwood of Hefty Wealth Partners. The stimulus from the central bank has been an important factor powering a four-year bull run in stocks.

"As long as there's this concept that the Fed may still need to be involved and stimulate, that's good for both the bond and the stock market," said Lockwood. "You're seeing the trampoline effect; the market drops and then comes back up."

Seven of the 10 industry sectors that make up the S&P 500 gained, led by consumer discretionary stocks. Of the three groups that fell, energy stocks dropped the most.

Investors were also assessing company earnings. Chevron fell after it be-

came the latest big energy company to disappoint investors with lower earnings. Chevron's profit fell 26 percent to \$5.4 billion due to lower oil prices and maintenance work at refineries. The stock fell \$1.49, or 1.2 percent, to \$124.95.

LinkedIn surged \$23.58, or 10.6 percent, to \$235.58 after the professional networking company's results topped analysts' estimates. LinkedIn had its biggest quarterly membership gain since going public in May 2011.

The technology-heavy index got a boost from PC maker Dell, which gained 72 cents, or 5.6 percent, to \$13.68 after a special committee of the company's board agreed to an increased offer from founder Michael Dell. □



**Specialists Joseph Dreyer, left, and Donald Civitanova work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. A tepid jobs report Friday barely dented a summer rally on the stock market.**  
(AP Photo/Richard Drew)



## Facebook closes above its IPO price

**MENLO PARK, California (AP)** — Facebook's re-

surgent stock has closed above its IPO price for the first time since the online social networking leader made its debut on Wall Street more than 14 months ago. The shares gained 56 cents to finish Friday's session at \$38.05. That's the stock's highest closing price since ending its first day of trading at \$38.23 in May of last year.

Facebook Inc. priced its initial public offering at \$38 per share amid lofty expectations that investors would be clamoring to buy a stake in one of the world's best-known websites. Instead, trading problems hurt the company's stock market debut, and then worries about Facebook's growth prospects triggered a sell-off that dropped the stock as low as \$17.55. The stock began soaring last week when Facebook reported better second-quarter earnings than analysts anticipated. The report for the three months ended in June showed that the company is selling more ads on smartphones and tablet computers, allaying fears that Facebook wouldn't be able to make money off the growing number of its more than 1.1 billion members who regularly check into the social network on mobile devices. More than 40 percent of Facebook's ad revenue flowed from mobile devices in the second quarter, up from 30 percent during the first three months of the year. The accelerating growth on mobile devices is the main reason that Facebook's stock has jumped 44 percent since it announced quarterly results on July 24. □

## Yahoo buys Web browser maker Rockmelt

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Yahoo has acquired Rockmelt, a U.S. startup that built a Web browser tied to Facebook's social network.

Terms of the deal announced Friday weren't disclosed. It's the 20th acquisition that Yahoo Inc. has completed since Marissa Mayer became the company's CEO nearly 13 months ago.

Rockmelt has raised about \$40 million from venture

capitalists and other investors since its inception. That makes it likely Yahoo had to be above that amount to buy Rockmelt.

Most of Yahoo's purchases have been for relatively small amounts of money. There has been one notable exception: Yahoo's \$1.1 billion acquisition of Internet blogging service Tumblr.

Rockmelt unveiled its Facebook-focused Web browser in late 2010, but it

never gained traction. The startup later introduced a version designed for smartphones and tablets.

Some of that technology could help Yahoo in its effort to bring in more traffic and revenue from mobile devices, one of Mayer's top priorities. Most of the other startups snapped up by Mayer also have been focused on mobile computing.

Although small, Rockmelt attracted a fair amount

of attention because of its pedigree. The company's financial backer include Web browser Marc Andreessen, who has established himself as one of Silicon Valley's top venture capitalists since first making his mark as a co-founder of Netscape Communications. Two of Rockmelt's top executives, Tim Howes and Eric Vishria, formerly worked with Andreessen. Both of them are joining Yahoo. □



## Orders placed with US factories up 1.5%

MARTIN CRUTSINGER  
AP Economics Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Orders placed with U.S. factories rose to a record high in June, boosted by strong demand for airplanes, ma-

surpassing the previous record set in June 2008. Demand for factory goods had plunged during the recession. Orders in a key category that tracks business invest-

least three years, rose 3.9 percent in June. That represented a slight downward revision from a preliminary report which had put the increase at 4.2 percent. Orders for nondurable goods such as chemicals, paper and food fell 0.6 percent in June after a 0.8 percent increase in May. Demand for machinery increased 2.6 percent in June, led by a 44.1 percent surge in oil and gas drilling equipment. Demand for transportation products rose 12 percent, reflecting a 32.1 percent jump in orders for commercial aircraft. Demand for autos was up 2 percent. Aircraft orders are volatile from month to month. Boeing said it received orders for 287 planes in June, up from 232 in May. Excluding transportation goods, orders fell 0.4 percent in June after a 1 percent rise in May. The Institute for Supply Management reported Thursday that its index of manufacturing activity jumped to 55.4 in July. That was the fastest pace in two years and up from a June reading of 50.9. A reading above 50 indicates growth.

The gain in the index showed that factories revved up production to meet a surge of new orders in July. Stronger growth at U.S. factories could aid a sluggish economy that has registered tepid growth over the past three quarters. And it could provide crucial support to a job market that has begun to accelerate but has added mostly lower-paying service jobs. Businesses are placing more orders that are likely to be filled in the next few months. Steady gains in new-home sales and construction are supporting strong growth in industries such as wood products, furniture, and electrical equipment and appliances. And healthy auto sales are buoying growth in the production of metal parts and components. Auto companies reported solid sales gains for July on Thursday. Ford, Chrysler and Nissan each saw sales grow 11 percent compared with the same month a year ago. The economy grew at a lackluster 1.7 percent annual rate in the April-June quarter. □



**Peeps move through the manufacturing process, at the Just Born factory in Bethlehem, Pa. Orders placed with U.S. factories rose to a record high in June, boosted by strong demand for airplanes, machinery and autos.**

(AP Photo/Matt Rourke)

chinery and autos. Factory orders rose 1.5 percent in June compared with May, when orders had risen 3 percent, the Commerce Department reported Friday. The gains pushed total orders to a record \$496.7 billion. It was the second month that factory orders have been at an all-time high,

ment rose 0.9 percent in June, the fourth consecutive monthly gain. Manufacturing struggled in the early part of this year, held back by weaker global growth and steep government spending cuts. But those trends may be starting to reverse. Orders for durable goods, items expected to last at

## Chevron's 2Q profit falls on lower oil prices

DAVID KOENIG  
AP Business Writer  
Chevron's latest quarterly profit was huge — \$5.37 billion — but down 26 percent from last year due to lower oil prices, less production, and maintenance work at some refineries. The results mirrored lower profit at Exxon Mobil and Shell, and they also lagged Wall Street expectations. In afternoon trading Friday, Chevron shares were down \$2.02, or 1.6 percent, to \$124.42. Consumers aren't likely to feel sorry for Chevron — not after they fill their tanks at the national average of \$3.63 for a gallon of gas. And Chevron's quarterly profit was much fatter than those at Google, General Electric and Johnson & Johnson — like Chevron, they all rank among the

10 biggest companies by stock market value. But for the second-biggest U.S. oil company, Chevron Corp.'s haul was considered disappointing because a year ago it earned \$7.21 billion. Chevron's profit worked out to \$2.77 per share,

down from \$3.66 per share a year ago. Analysts were expecting \$2.97 per share, according to FactSet. Revenue fell 8 percent to \$57.37 billion but came in higher than the \$56.01 billion that analysts expected. Chairman and CEO John Watson said earnings fell

"largely due to softer market conditions for crude oil and refined products." He said repair and maintenance work on U.S. refineries was also a factor. In percentage terms, Chevron's profit decline was only half as steep as those reported Thursday by Exxon Mobil Corp., which earned \$6.86 billion on revenue of \$106.47 billion, and Royal Dutch Shell. But the causes were similar — lower oil prices and declining production. The average price that Chevron got for a barrel of oil or natural gas liquids was \$92 in the United States and \$94 overseas; both were down \$5 a barrel from last year's second quarter. Natural gas prices in the U.S. jumped 74 percent, but that was up from 10-year lows in 2012. □



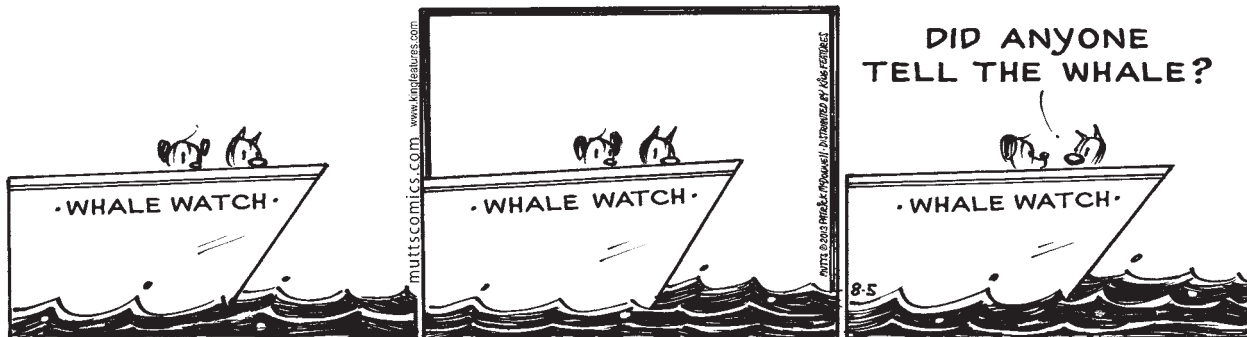
**Clients fuel up at a US Chevron service station. Chevron's latest quarterly profit was huge but down 26 percent from last year.**  
(Handout Photo)

## Viacom 3Q net income rises 20 pct

BREE FOWLER  
AP Business Writer  
NEW YORK (AP) — Media conglomerate Viacom Inc. said Friday that its fiscal third-quarter net income rose 20 percent, as it reaped more in fees for its cable TV channels and advertising revenue got a boost from improved ratings at key networks. The New York company, which owns Nickelodeon, MTV, Comedy Central and Paramount Pictures, posted an adjusted profit that fell a penny short of Wall Street expectations, but its revenue came in higher than expected. Executives said they expected a continued resurgence in ratings — especially at the company's Nickelodeon children's network — and announced the doubling of its current stock buyback program to \$20 billion. The company added that it plans to buy back \$2 billion in shares under the expanded program over the next several months. Viacom shares, which have steadily risen for more than a year, jumped 8 percent shortly after the market opened to an all-time high. In afternoon trading, they rose 6 percent. In a conference call with investors, Viacom President and CEO Philippe Dauman said the company continues to see ratings improvement at its TV networks, especially Nickelodeon, which has struggled recently. "Nickelodeon is clearly on the way back with new live action and animated hits that fuelled robust ratings," Dauman said. Dauman also pointed to Viacom's recently struck distribution deal with Amazon.com and the box office success of the Paramount Pictures films "Star Trek Into Darkness," "World War Z." Sterne Agee analyst Vasily Karasyov called the results "Very encouraging" and backed his "Buy" rating for the stock. □



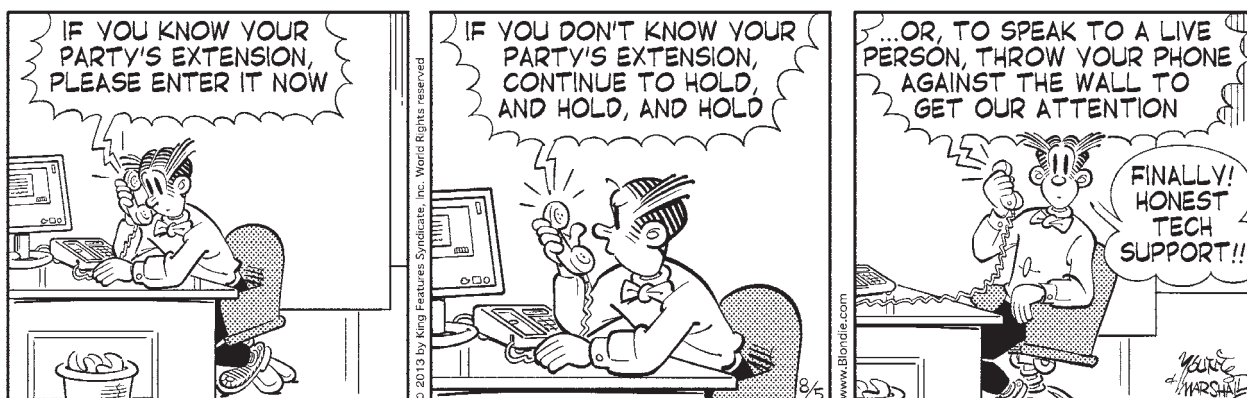
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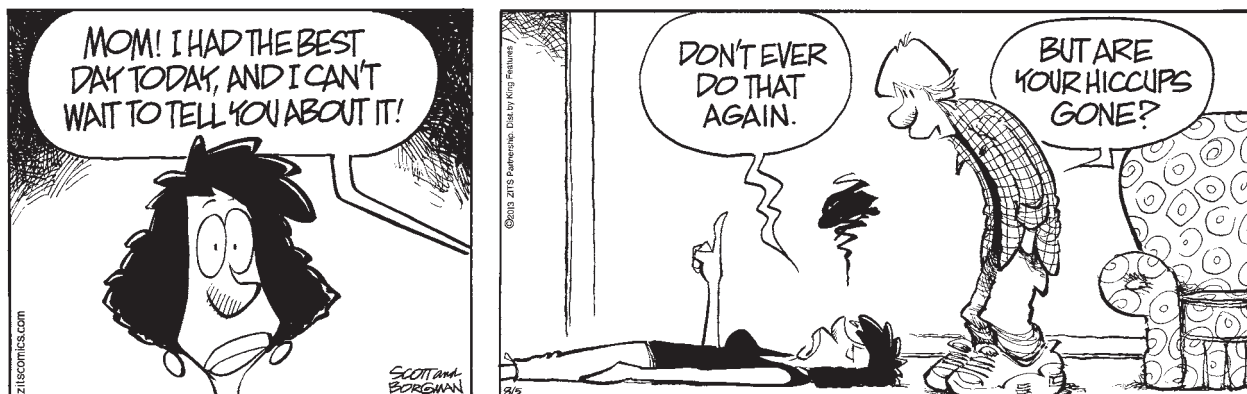
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Saturday's puzzle answer

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4	2	7	6	1	5	8	9	3
9	1	6	3	8	4	7	5	2

ACROSS

- 1 Back in the \_\_\_; formerly
- 4 Opening in the forest
- 9 Capitol roof feature, often
- 13 \_\_\_ up; spends
- 15 Refuse to obey
- 16 Arden & Plumb
- 17 Damp & dreary
- 18 Entertain
- 19 Ooze out
- 20 Mentally deranged
- 22 Like a leaky fountain pen
- 23 Actor James or his son Scott
- 24 Price label
- 26 Not \_\_\_ as; cooler than
- 29 Seattle team
- 34 Ocean liners and schooners

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Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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DOWN

- 1 Failure
- 2 Letters urging promptness
- 3 Strong urges
- 4 \_\_\_ cracker; part of a s'more
- 5 Citrus fruit
- 6 Border on
- 7 Late Arnaz
- 8 \_\_\_ bill; utility expense
- 9 Blueprint; plan
- 10 Kiln
- 11 Humble; submissive
- 12 Catch sight of
- 14 Airport luggage handlers
- 21 Automobiles
- 25 Feel miserable
- 26 Sooty residue
- 27 Prison knife
- 28 Breezy
- 29 Intermingles
- 30 Gung-ho
- 31 Clear the slate
- 32 Hicks
- 33 Competitor of J.C. Penney

Saturday's Puzzle Solved

HONE	DRIFT	PUBS
OVEN	RIDER	ATOP
REAR	AFIRE	RARE
ARRANGE	REACHED	
	GAS	HEDGE
SWEEP	FAR	ELDER
EARS	BIT	INSURE
AGO	PAGEANT	BEE
LODGER	FIN	SACK
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- 39 Bush or Walters
- 41 Skillet
- 42 Praise
- 44 Parka, for one
- 45 Horse's gait
- 47 Thickheaded
- 48 Abnormal sac
- 49 Head covering
- 50 3 \_\_\_ 15 is 5
- 52 Level; fair
- 53 Actor Hackman
- 54 BBQ favorites
- 55 Egg's center
- 59 Soothing drink



## Carnival posts cruise crime data

The Associated Press NEW YORK (AP) — Carnival Corp. released data about 127 alleged crimes reported on its North America-based cruise lines in the past three years as part of a voluntary effort by several large cruise companies to be more accountable to the public. Carnival made the data public on its website Thursday night. Royal Caribbean and Norwegian Cruise Line posted data about alleged crimes earlier Thursday. The disclosures were made amid growing pressure from Congress and crime victims for more accuracy about crime at sea.

The Carnival data covers the period between July 27, 2010, and June 30, 2013, when ships from four Carnival Corp. brands — Carnival Cruise Line, Holland America, Princess and Seabourn — carried more than 77 million people. The alleged crimes included five reports of suspicious deaths, 38 reports of rape and 20 alleged thefts over \$10,000. Royal Caribbean and Norwegian on Thursday reported 94 crimes and 20 crimes, respectively, between Oct. 2010 and the end of June this year. The data includes reports of homicide, suspicious death, missing U.S. persons, kidnapping, assault with serious bodily injury, rape and other sexual assaults, tampering with a vessel and thefts over \$10,000. Before Thursday, the public only had access to U.S. Coast Guard crime figures for cases in these categories investigated by the FBI.

Since January 2011, the Coast Guard has publicly reported only 31 such crimes aboard cruise ships, according to the Senate Commerce Committee. Though the data from the cruise lines showed many more alleged crimes were reported to security personnel than had been previously disclosed in the Coast Guard data, the numbers are still mi-

nuscle compared with the millions of people who cruise each year and average crime rates in the general population. Cruise industry officials noted that the numbers released Thursday only reflect allegations, not whether investigators concluded that a crime had actually been committed, cruise line officials said. Carnival spokesman Roger Frizzell said in an email that "the majority of these are never substantiated as actual crimes after the initial investigation." □



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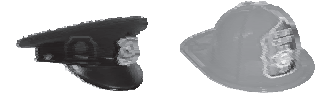


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# Cuba's 1st solar farm a step toward renewables

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Associated Press

CANTARRANA, Cuba (AP)

— It's like a vision of the space age, carved out of the jungle: Thousands of glassy panels surrounded by a lush canopy of green stretch as far as the eye can see, reflecting the few clouds that dot the sky on a scorching Caribbean morning.

Cuba's first solar farm opened this spring with little fanfare and no prior announcement. It boasts 14,000 photovoltaic panels which in a stroke more than doubled the country's capacity to harvest energy from the sun.

The project, one of seven such farms in the works, shows a possible road map to greater energy independence in cash-poor Cuba, where Communist leaders are being forced to consider renewables to help keep the lights on after four failed attempts to strike it rich with deep-water oil drilling and the death of petro-benefactor Hugo Chavez.

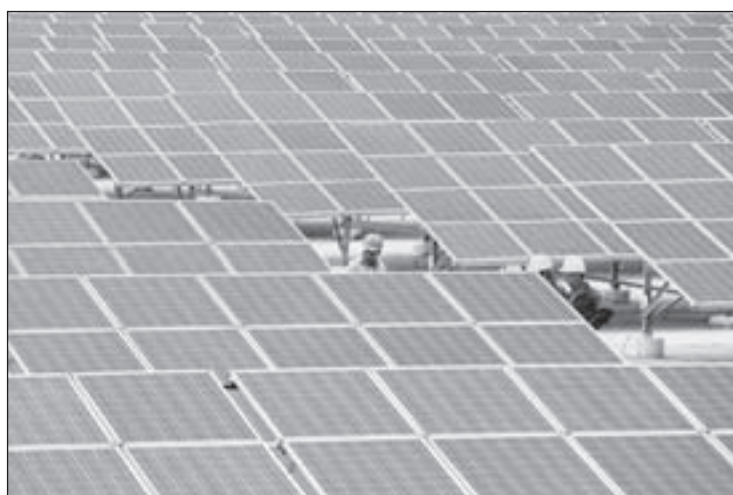
"For us this is the future," said Ovel Concepcion, a director with Hidroenergia, the state-run company tasked with building the solar park 190 miles (300 kilometers) east of Havana in the central province of Cienfuegos.

"This is just like having an oil well," he told The Associated Press on a recent tour of the facility.

Outside experts have chastised Cuba for missing an opportunity to develop alternative energy sources; just 4 percent of its electricity comes from renewables. That lags behind not only standard-setter Germany (25 percent) but also comparable, developing Caribbean nations such as



In this July 17, 2013 photo, workers are framed by solar panels at Cuba's first solar farm in Cantarrana. Associated Press



In this July 18, 2013 photo, a farmer rides past a row of solar panels in Cantarrana, Cuba.

Associated Press

the Dominican Republic (14 percent).

Located on rural land unfit for farming, the solar park at Cantarrana, which translates roughly as "where frogs sing," is a tentative step toward redressing that oversight.

Construction began at the end of last year, about the same time that officials announced that a fourth exploratory offshore oil well drilled in 2012 was a bust and the only rig in the world that can drill in the

deep waters off Cuba under U.S. embargo rules set sail with no return date.

In April, the solar farm came online and began contributing the first solar power to the island's energy grid. Cuba already had about 9,000 panels in use, but all of them were for small-scale, isolated usage such as powering rural hamlets, schools and hospitals.

The solar farm now generates enough electricity to power 780 homes and had saved the equivalent of 145 tons of fossil fuels, or around 1,060 barrels of crude, through the end of July. Peak capacity is expected to hit 2.6 megawatts when the final panels are in place in September. That's just a drop in the energy bucket, of course.

Cuba gets about 92,000 barrels of highly subsidized

oil per day from Venezuela to meet about half its consumption needs, according to an estimate by University of Texas energy analyst Jorge Pinon.

But hopes are high that solar can be a big winner in Cuba, which enjoys direct sunlight year-round, allowing for consistent high yields of 5 kilowatt-hours per square meter of terrain.

"The possibility of solar energy on a large scale could contribute to the island's future energy security," said Judith Cherni, an alternative energy expert at the Imperial College London Center for Environmental Policy who is familiar with Cuba's efforts.

Six other solar parks will come online in the coming months in Havana and the regions of Camaguey, Guantanamo, the Isle of Youth, Santiago and Villa Clara, though Concepcion did not specify their size.

Concepcion did not say how much the Cantarrana park cost, but said the industry standard for a facility of its size is \$3 million to \$4 million. The government, which controls nearly all economic activity in Cuba, financed construction, and the panels were manufactured at a factory in the western province of Pinar del Rio.

Cantarrana is already saving the island around \$800 a day and Concepcion said it should pay for itself

after a little more than a decade into its 25-year expected lifespan.

The project is a notable change in mindset for a country that relies on imports for half its energy consumption and is vulnerable to the political ebb and flow in other countries. After the dissolution of the Eastern Bloc in the early 1990s, a loss of Soviet subsidies plunged Cuba into a severe crisis. Blackouts sometimes darkened Havana for 12 hours at a time. Chavez's election in Venezuela in 1998 helped ease the crunch, but his death this March made clear that Havana can hardly depend on the tap staying open forever.

Chavez's handpicked successor, Nicolas Maduro, has vowed to maintain the special relationship with Cuba. But he won election by a razor-thin margin, and the Venezuelan opposition will almost certainly cut the Cuba subsidy if it wins power. Cuba's fuel uncertainty apparently prompted President Raul Castro to issue a decree in December creating seven working groups to chart a 15-year plan to develop alternative energy including solar, wind, biomass and others. Cuba already has a handful of experimental wind farms and some small, isolated hydroelectric facilities, though experts say Cuba's shallow rivers are not ideal for large-scale power generation. The island has had the most success burning biomass from sugarcane, but harvests have fallen in recent years. According to a government report from May, the island hopes to get 10 percent of its electricity from renewables by 2030.

"The reality is that cheap, abundant oil is over, and we have to turn toward these technologies," said Vicente Estrada Cajigal, a specialist on regional alternative energy initiatives and the former president of Mexico's National Association for Solar Energy. "That treasure in the Gulf (of Mexico), I have my doubts." □

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# Ellen DeGeneres to host Oscars for 2nd time

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AP Television Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Comic and daytime television host Ellen DeGeneres will host the Academy Awards for the second time.

Show producers Craig Zadan and Neil Meron announced DeGeneres' selection Friday. The movie awards show will air on March 2.

"There are few stars today who have Ellen's gift for comedy, with her great warmth and humanity," the producers said in a statement. "She is beloved everywhere."

DeGeneres joked, "I am

so excited to be hosting the Oscars for the second time. You know what they say — the third time's the charm."

Last year's host, "Family Guy" creator Seth MacFarlane, drew mixed reviews for an edgy performance that included a song-and-dance number, "We Saw Your Boobs," about actresses who had gone topless on screen.

Academy Awards organizers had hoped to attract a younger audience with MacFarlane, and the ratings showed they succeeded. With DeGeneres, they went for a star that



**FILE** - In this April 29, 2013 file photo, TV host Ellen DeGeneres arrives at the season 4 premiere of "Arrested Development" in Los Angeles. Associated Press

Hollywood and television viewers were familiar and comfortable with.

DeGeneres was nominated for an Emmy Award for

her last time hosting. Her daytime talk show has won 45 Daytime Emmys during a decade on the air.

The Oscars, with 40.3 million

viewers this year, is often the year's most-watched television event in the U.S. after the Super Bowl football championship. □

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## 'Dark Knight Returns' No. 2 cover sells for \$478K

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Heritage Auctions says the original pen and ink cover of "The Dark Knight Returns" No. 2 drawn by artist and writer Frank Miller has sold for \$478,000 at auction.

A near-mint copy of "Batman" No. 1 has sold for \$567,625 at the auction. The auction house said Friday that the buyers did not want their names disclosed.

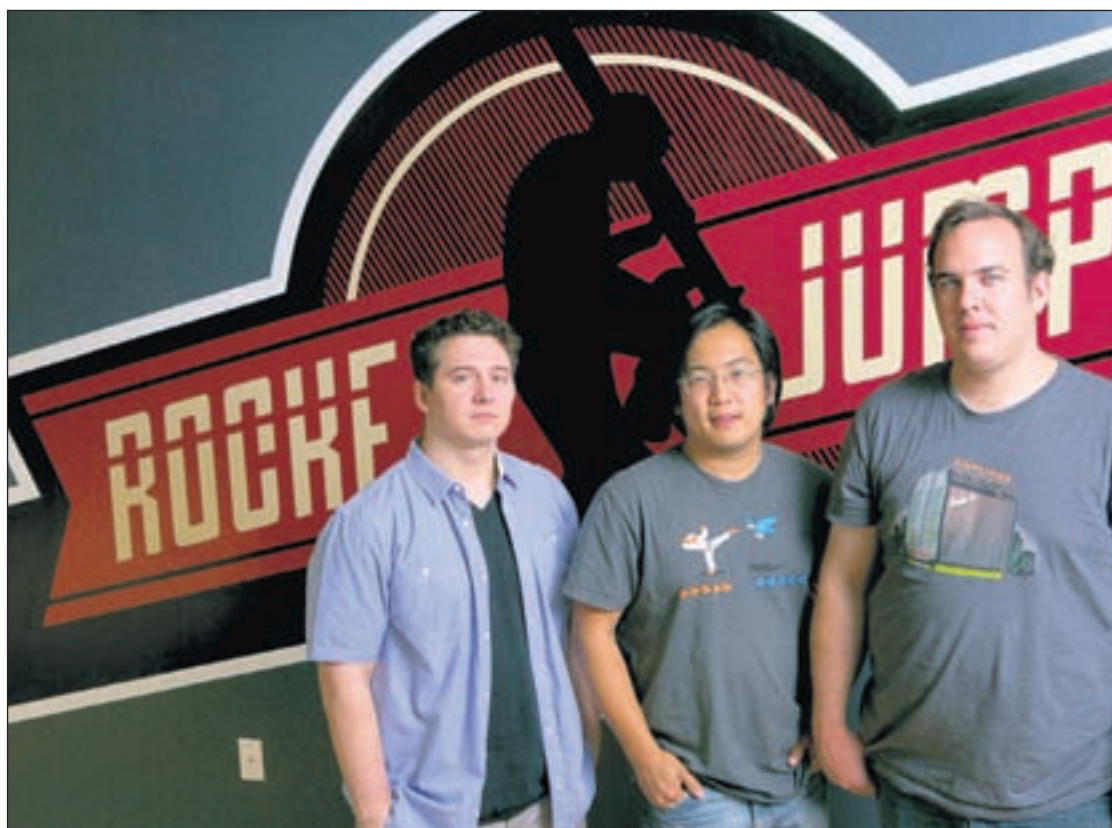
Miller's cover was the first to be sold from DC Comics' 1986 four-issue "Dark Knight" miniseries.

The copy of "Batman" No. 1 from 1940 was auctioned on behalf of Tadano America Corp.

The record price for a comic book remains "Action Comics" No. 1, selling for \$2.16 million in 2011. It featured Su-



This image provided by Heritage Auctions on July 2, 2013 shows the original art drawn by writer/artist Frank Miller for the cover to "The Dark Knight Returns" No. 2. The cover has sold for \$478,000, according to Heritage Auctions. Associated Press



In this photo taken Tuesday, July 16, 2013, Rocket Jump Studios co-founders and partners, from left: Desmond Dolly, Freddie Wong, and Matt Arnold pose for a photo at their studio in Burbank, Calif.

Associated Press

## YouTube star pushes high frame rate format online

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BURBANK, California (AP) — Movie fans who were intrigued by director Peter Jackson's use of high frame rates in "The Hobbit" are now getting a chance to see the super-clear format online.

The second season of the YouTube Web series "Video Game High School" is being released online at 48 frames per second (fps), double the 24 fps that has been standard in movie theaters for the past century. The season's second episode debuts Thursday after the premiere episode attracted nearly 2 million viewers.

Online video programming is growing fast as major networks and small upstarts go after young audiences who increasingly watch shows on laptops, tablet computers and mobile phones. Laying claim to the high-frame-rate niche could help "Video Game High School" stand out in a crowded field.

By capturing moving objects on camera at higher frame rates, filmmakers are able to cut down on blurriness because the camera's shutter opens and closes much faster. That reduces the amount of time that an object moves across an open lens and gives each image, or frame, more clarity. The experiment is partly a way to explore how to use high frame rates creatively while pioneering a new business model online.

Seeing the format online requires a special video player that exists only on RocketJump.com, which is owned by the show's creators. Pulling viewers onto their own site improves their cut of advertising revenue compared to views on YouTube. For now, YouTube has no plans to introduce a high frame rate player of its own.

"There'll be a reason to come to our site," says Freddie Wong, 27, one of the owners of Rocket Jump and the co-creator of "VGHS." "What 48 (frames per second) brings is a gritty realism to it. It feels hyper-real."

So far, the plan seems to be working. Within three days of the first episode's debut, about 300,000 viewers had seen it on RocketJump.

com compared with 1 million who saw it on YouTube. That's about the same split as for the first season premiere, but last season's episodes were released on RocketJump.com a week early. The fact that the split remains suggests that the special format is attracting a unique crowd.

"The idea is that both versions exist to serve a certain kind of audience," Wong says.

"VGHS" uses 48 fps for scenes that are depicted in the video game world, since many video games are displayed at high frame rates anyway. For "real life" scenes, "VGHS" uses 24 fps footage by showing two identical frames in a row.

The format has some quirks. Some movie critics who saw "The Hobbit" said the format revealed too many details, exposing the fakery of costumes, makeup and props.

Actors can appear to move at high speed unintentionally in what co-creator Matt Arnold calls the "Benny Hill" effect, referring to the sped-up scenes common to the British comedy TV show. □



Seth Green, right, a cast member on the FOX series "dads," answers a question as fellow cast member Giovanni Ribisi looks on during the FOX 2013 Summer TCA press tour at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Thursday, Aug. 1, 2013 in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Associated Press

## Fox sitcom 'Dads' blasted weeks before its debut

BEVERLY HILLS, California (AP) — It doesn't debut until next month, but the Fox sitcom "Dads" is already taking heat in early reviews for being crass, sexist and racially insensitive.

The stars and producers of "Dads" faced reporters Thursday and defended the show as focusing on human frailties for the sake of laughs and enlightenment. At the Television Critics Association meeting, they vowed to tweak the tone of the series as appropriate

as the season unfolds.

The comedy stars two friends, played by Seth Green and Giovanni Ribisi, whose politically incorrect fathers re-enter their lives and disrupt them. The dads are played by Martin Mull and Peter Riegert.

A producer of the series is Seth MacFarlane, whose animated comedies, including "Family Guy," have won him popularity as well as criticism for their rawness. "Dads" premieres Sept. 17. □



## Detroit, A Love Song



FRANK BRUNI

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Tell people you live in New York City, and they ask which neighborhood. Tell them you lived in Rome, and they ask how you could ever leave.

Tell them that you lived in Detroit, and they ask, "Why?" They offer condolences. They wonder how quickly you fled.

Maybe that's especially true in my case, because Detroit stands out among the cities I've called home over my post-college years: New York, Rome, Detroit, San Diego, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. One of these things is not like the others. One isn't a beacon and magnet, a synonym for exciting, lucrative or at least balmy times. That's exactly what I loved about Detroit. And I did love Detroit, not in an electric way but in the way you love something honest and unforced, the way you love someone who doesn't wear any masks or makeup and doesn't insist that you do.

I was there in the early 1990s, and Detroit wasn't in straits quite as dire as it entered this month, when it became the most populous American city ever to declare bankruptcy. But it was pocked with abandoned houses, riddled with crime, rife with trouble. There was no longer a proper department store within the city limits. There were only a handful of first-run movie theaters. The city's plight was best summarized by a pitiful slogan its boosters put on bumper stickers and the like: "Say Nice Things About Detroit." As if positive thinking - and positive talking - could save the day.

There is one nice thing in particular I want to say about Detroit, by which I mean not just the city but the broader metropolitan area, including Dearborn to the west, Oakland County to the north and, to the east, the Grosse Pointes, where I lived for two years after three in downtown Detroit. Bereft of vanity, Detroit is bereft, too, of pose and pretense. The people there don't tether their identities to the luster or mythology of their surroundings. Their self-image isn't tied to their ZIP codes.

That's undoubtedly true of many, if not most, American cities, of Cleveland and St. Louis and probably Omaha and maybe Houston. But if you inhabit the gilded precincts fa-

vored by those of us who fancy ourselves power brokers or opinion makers or players of one kind or another, it's a remarkable thing - and a welcome one.

The political operative in Washington, the financial whiz or magazine editor in New York, the studio executive in Los Angeles, the Internet impresario in Seattle or San Francisco: all are creatures not just of a profession but of a profession that blooms and struts in a given self-regarding place. Many have egos nourished by that terrain, which feeds a hyperawareness of status, a persistent jockeying for position. And the denizens of cities with inimitable landscapes, nonpareil party scenes or idiosyncratic political sensibilities often bask in that geographic glow, the pride of the Miamian or the Portlander sometimes bleeding into smugness. I encountered little smugness in Detroit. Sure, there were people who talked boastfully about buying a house in Grosse Pointe Farms rather than Grosse Pointe Park. There were people invested in the cars they drove. This was the Motor City, after all. But Detroiters didn't dash as madly to the hot new restaurant. They didn't chatter as preciously about their preferred summer weekend destination. And that wasn't just about limited means. It was about different, more down-to-earth priorities. They lived in the Detroit area not because it puffed them up but because it made sense. Maybe they had family there. Maybe they had other deep roots. Maybe the Detroit area was where they'd found the best career opportunity at a key moment, and then they went on to build a life around it. That's what drew me to Detroit: a better job than the one I had in New York. An even better one than that lured me back east, and I returned with mixed feelings, because while Detroit doesn't have mountains or an ocean or streets with much of a pulse, it has a terrific farmers' market in the city center. My friends and I bought our basil there and made fresh pesto for backyard barbecues.

Detroit has an arts institute with a first-rate film series that residents, not taking art-house fare for granted, relish. It has a 985-acre public park that, while needing more faithful upkeep, is situated majestically in the middle of a blue river. When I'd run there, I'd sometimes have the path to myself. And the Detroit area has no paucity of smart, decent people. Most of the ones I was lucky enough to befriend remain there. They'd like better restaurants and music and theater and all of it, and they root for the city's resurrection. But that's not because they want bragging rights. They long ago made peace with Detroit's absence of flamboyant beauty, its shortfall of romance. Home isn't about such shimmer. Their home, at least. □



## Quit Is The Way To Roll



MAUREEN DOWD

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The cruelly misunderstood Anthony Weiner has "no idea" if he's about to be stabbed by another stiletto heel.

"These are people who I thought were friends, people I trusted when I communicated with them," he told Denis Hamill of The Daily News. "But who knows what they might do now?"

Yes, who knows? Free-spirited young women having digital sex with a well-known politician who loves to expose himself and talk raunchy can be so damnably unpredictable and untrustworthy.

The delusional Weiner, who has turned shamelessness into performance art, was apparently expecting the sexual equivalent of honor among thieves. He wasn't counting on being out campaigning Tuesday morning while one of his online inamoratas, Sydney Leathers, was holding forth to Howard Stern about their fantasies about "a secret sex den," her possible future in porn and Weiner's satyriasis.

"There were times he'd talk to me multiple times a day," she said. "He's like a needy girlfriend or something. He's like this clingy person."

Aside from being a gift to clowns, hacks, punsters, rivals and the writers of "The Good Wife," Carlos Danger is also a gift to political-scandal survivors. His behavior is so outlandish and contemptible - the sort of thing that used to require a trench coat and park - that it allows Eliot Spitzer and Bill Clinton to act huffy.

When Chris Matthews asked Spitzer to verify that he would not

vote for Weiner, the "governor turned hooker booker," as The New York Post poetically calls him, replied: "Fair point. That is correct."

Bill Clinton, who officiated at Huma and Anthony's 2010 wedding, is shooting death rays at his political Chuck. And Hillary is dining in Washington with the president and the vice president, trying to remind everyone of her dignified career after conjugal martyrdom - the same conjugal martyrdom her protégée, who was in Washington helping Hillary with her high-level meetings, is now enduring.

After years of literally following in Hillary's footsteps, little did Huma know how fully she would follow in Hillary's footsteps.

Weiner continues to play the rebel without a pause. He shrugged off reports that the Clintons, who have been christened the careless Daisy and Tom Buchanan of politics, regard him, in the words of F. Scott, as the foul dust floating in the wake of their dreams.

"I am not terribly interested in what people who are not voters in the city of New York have to say," Weiner sniffed about the first couple of Westchester.

Bill confessed, "I hadn't been perfect" after the Jennifer Flowers story broke, so Weiner echoed: "I recognize I am not a perfect messenger. I get that."

Just as Bill sparked a tawdry debate on whether oral sex counted as intercourse, so Weiner has sparked a tawdry debate on whether cybersex is more or less forgivable than illicit sex the old-fashioned way.

As voters grapple with whether to send Client No. 9 to spar with reporters in City Hall's Room 9 as a comptroller without self-control, as Stephen Colbert put it, the spectacle of Spitzer passing moral judgment on Weiner has led to arguments over gradations of perversity.

Some people say Spitzer's transgressions are more understandable because they were time-immemorial victimless transactions with well-paid humans in the flesh, while Weiner's digital compulsions with women he didn't know were peephole exhibitionism and insanely "reckless," as the

new front-runner Christine Quinn charged.

Others think Weiner's sins were no worse than enjoying pornography and that actual human contact is more harmful than cyber-horniness run amok. On one level, what Mark Sanford did - fall in love with a beautiful, younger woman - may be the easiest for voters to fathom, but is it the hardest on the wife?

Like Bill Clinton, Weiner can summon impressive political stamina under jaw-droppingly embarrassing circumstances.

Ignoring the new Quinnipiac poll of New Yorkers that says a majority of likely Democratic voters think he should get out, Weiner put up a video Tuesday night vowing that he would not drop out because newspaper editors and other pols wanted him to. "Quit isn't the way we roll in New York City," he said, with dark circles under his eyes that even makeup wouldn't hide, adding generously, "This is about helping New Yorkers."

He acknowledged that "if someone wants to come out with something embarrassing about you in your private life, you've got to talk about that for a little while."

Good luck with that.

At an event Tuesday evening in Times Square with advocates for New Yorkers with disabilities, the 48-year-old seemed tired, slight and young as he was thronged by the fierce Hydra-headed press beast. He looked as if he were running on raw will.

He apologized for being late, saying something about the "time-space continuum."

Weiner tried to focus on the issues at hand, like wheelchair-accessible cabs.

The auditorium was mostly empty, except for reporters following Weiner to see if he was going to drop out or admit that he had sexed recently.

One man stood up and complained that he had been let down once when Weiner was a Queens congressman and backed away from a bill he had promised to pass.

"How can I trust you?" the man asked.

The question of the hour lingered in the febrile air. □



# A Rodriguez Rehearsal With A Getaway Scene

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TAMPA, Fla. - With Alex Rodriguez facing the imminent threat of a lengthy suspension from Major League Baseball, he played a 30-minute simulated game Thursday afternoon at Steinbrenner Field, the New York Yankees' spring training home.

The stadium was padlocked, and the event was closed to the public.

If these are, indeed, the final days before a long break in Rodriguez's baseball career, they have been unceremonious. No cheering fans. No meaningful at-bats. Just a bunch of reporters trailing him as baseball prepares to levy punishment for his alleged ties to a defunct anti-aging clinic that went by the name Biogenesis. Baseball and Rodriguez's representatives, through the players union, continued to be engaged Thursday in a dialogue about his situation.

Last week, when Rodriguez returned to Tampa, fans gathered in front of the team's minor league complex to greet his arrival. Some hoped for autographs. Others wanted to wish him well on his 38th birthday, including one man who hoped to present him with a big card

that read, "Happy Birthday from one clown to another." Rodriguez did not stop to pick up his gift.

On Thursday, the sidewalk was absent fans. Perhaps they knew better than to expect Rodriguez to stop and sign - not with the Biogenesis mess strapped to his back like an industrial-size freezer. Instead the sidewalk was clogged with reporters.

Rodriguez's day at the complex began around 9 a.m., when he arrived in a black Maybach. He did not wave. Once he entered the building, the reporters and the photographers moved to a nearby patch of grass beyond one of the complex's many diamonds. It had a view of a field where Rodriguez had worked out in recent days, although "view" might be a generous description. The outfield fence, topped with thick yellow piping, was about 7 feet tall.

"I have a big disadvantage because I'm short," said Andrew Marchand, a reporter with ESPN New York between live spots on "SportsCenter." Marchand, who is 5 feet 6 inches, was dressed in a shirt, tie and shorts. "You need to be a giraffe to see anything," he said.

Several photographers



**Alex Rodriguez on the field for a warm-up before a minor league game with the Trenton Thunder in Trenton, N.J., Aug. 1, 2013. Rodriguez, the New York Yankees' star third baseman, has been linked over the last few months to Biogenesis of America, the now-defunct Florida anti-aging clinic suspected of distributing banned performance-enhancing drugs.**

(Mark Makela/The New York Times)

set up shop along an old wooden fence, where there was a sign that read: Private Property. Inside were a couple of picnic tables where minor leaguers often ate. Perhaps Rodriguez would join them? The photographers aimed their lenses through a handful of openings between slats. One got dibs on a prime knothole. A great Ameri-

can artist once observed that waiting is the hardest part. Here was one such example.

Cody Tibbitts and Matt Schaefer, baseball players at nearby Clearwater Christian College, stopped by to see what all the fuss was about. They decided to stick around in case Rodriguez made an appearance. "I kind of feel bad for A-Rod," Tibbitts said.

A bulldozer rolled past. A reporter discovered the dangers of fire ants. A photographer relieved himself in a bush. There was even a potential sighting - "Was that him?" - and everyone scurried to the outfield wall, the camera gear clattering like pots and pans. Nope, false alarm.

As morning turned into afternoon, it became apparent that Rodriguez would be playing his simulated game across the street, at Steinbrenner Field. The news media mobilized and found a perch near the right-field foul pole. A pedestrian bridge blocked most of the field from view. Rodriguez sightings were sporadic, but there he was, taking grounders at third base and cuts in the batter's box. He even

appeared to advance to second base several times - fake doubles in a fake game. (The Yankees later reported that Rodriguez had taken six at-bats and seen 31 pitches. He is scheduled to play in rehabilitation games with the Trenton Thunder on Friday and Saturday.)

An hour later, after Rodriguez showered and changed, he left the facility and walked to his car, carefully sidestepping a puddle of mud as he checked his cellphone. He carried a green tote bag. Reporters returned to the sidewalk, eager to see whether he would answer their questions.

Sure enough, before Rodriguez left the lot, he rolled down his window and signaled for several of the writers he knew to come over. A dozen cameramen and photographers quickly followed, rushing past a defenseless security guard. Rodriguez looked annoyed.

"I'll talk to you guys," he said, referring to the writers, "but no cameras."

So up went the window as Rodriguez stepped on the gas, intent on doing things his way to the end. □



**Reporters and photographers attempt to get a glimpse of Alex Rodriguez, of the New York Yankees, at the Yankees' minor league facility during a simulated game workout in Tampa, Fla., Aug. 1, 2013.**

(Brian Blanco/The New York Times)